

By Representative Bloom

## House Resolution

A resolution in memory of Polly Lux de Hirsch Meyer.

WHEREAS, Polly Lux de Hirsch Meyer (1900-1998), a native of Pittsburgh and resident of Miami Beach since 1934, enjoyed a lifetime of inspiring achievements, which she shared with other citizens of this state, and

WHEREAS, throughout her trailblazing, multifaceted career, she was a woman of action who fully participated in the American experience of this century, first making her mark artistically as an Atlantic City beauty queen, New York model, and Ziegfield Follies showgirl and actress, and then becoming known as a successful business entrepreneur, with such diverse enterprises as a Broadway boutique and a Miami Beach apartment house, and

WHEREAS, when she moved to Florida with her family in the Thirties' "Boom" era, she once again showed her dynamic pioneering spirit by forming Lux Construction, thus becoming the first woman licensed as a building contractor in this state and the second in the nation, and thereby contributing much to state's development, and

WHEREAS, in addition to being known for her beauty, wit, and accomplishments, she displayed a devotion to her family and her husband of 24 years, the late Miami banker, attorney, and former city commissioner Baron de Hirsch Meyer, and

WHEREAS, she is remembered not only as a blithe spirit and gracious lady, but also as a great philanthropist and humanitarian, who together with her husband left an incredible legacy of generosity to many worthy institutions in South

1 Florida, including her \$10 million gift to Mount Sinai Medical  
2 Center and major contributions to Jackson Memorial Hospital,  
3 the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, the  
4 University of Miami, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Camillus  
5 House, the Animal Welfare Society, the Diabetes Research  
6 Institute, as its first million-dollar contributor, and many  
7 cultural organizations in her community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
10 Florida:

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12 That the House of Representatives take this opportunity  
13 to honor the memory of Polly Lux de Hirsch Meyer as one of the  
14 state's most distinguished citizens, and to express the hope  
15 that her greatest legacy will be that others may follow in her  
16 selfless path of generosity.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
18 be presented to Martin Steadman, president of the family  
19 charitable foundation and a loving, attentive grandnephew, on  
20 behalf of her nieces, nephews, and other family members, as a  
21 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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