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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Freemasons and
Jacque A. Couture for their contributions to
the citizens of the state.

WHEREAS, Freemasonry began in medieval times and has
been organized since the 18th century, and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry was transplanted to the American
colonies by English and Irish masons during the early decades
of the 18th century, and

WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture was born in Orlando on March
21, 1936, graduated from that city's Boone High School, served
in the United States Army Reserves from 1953 to 1959, and is
now Chairman of the Board of A-1 Orange Cleaning Service, a
company which, inherited as a one-man business when he was 15,
he has expanded to include 13 office locations in Florida and
Georgia, and

WHEREAS, having been raised in Composite Lodge No. 293,
in Orlando, in 1972, Jacque A. Couture has continued to serve
as a member and officer in numerous areas of Freemasonry, with
a special emphasis on Masonic Youth and DeMolay, and on June
17, 1998, he was installed as Grand Master of The Most
Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida,
and

WHEREAS, married and the father of two sons and two
daughters, Jacque A. Couture counts among his hobbies his
family, his church, Masonry, golf, and fishing, while
continuing to be active in his business and in service to his
community and state, and

WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture, Grand Master of Masons of
Florida, serves as a leader to tens of thousands of Florida

1 Freemasons, as well as hundreds of thousands from around the
2 world who sojourn in our state, and

3 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House
4 of Representatives of the State of Florida pause in its
5 deliberations to honor the Freemasons and Jacque A. Couture
6 for their contributions to the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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11 That the House of Representatives of the State of
12 Florida hereby commends the Freemasons of Florida and Jacque
13 A. Couture for their contributions to the citizens of this
14 state and hereby accords this expression in recognition and
15 appreciation of the invaluable service thus rendered to the
16 state.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
18 be presented to Jacque A. Couture, Grand Master of Florida of
19 the Order of Freemasons, as a tangible token of the sentiments
20 expressed herein.

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