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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Dr. Carl M. Kuttler, Jr.,
President, St. Petersburg Junior College,
recipient of the national Chief Executive
Officer Award.

WHEREAS, Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., has for 20 years served
as President of St. Petersburg Junior College, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has led the community college into
achieving high national rankings, including third in Associate
in Arts degrees granted, fourth in Associate in Nursing
degrees granted, fourth in Associate degrees in Health
Professions and Related Sciences granted, and fourth in total
Associate degrees granted, even though the SPJC ranks only
50th in enrollment, and

WHEREAS, he has initiated or helped to develop several
innovative programs, including the nation's first Applied
Ethics program as a requirement for graduation, and

WHEREAS, this CEO has demonstrated a caring attitude in
many ways, such as calling each of the college's 1,000
full-time employees on their respective birthdays and sending
each of them a card, establishing an employee recognition
program, and sending a letter to each student who is among the
top 3 percent in academic achievement, and

WHEREAS, he has been active in developing, organizing,
and supporting state and national 2-year postsecondary
education associations, for instance, by cosponsoring with
former President Jimmy Carter a national leadership conference
entitled "The Role of Community Colleges in Shaping the
Nation," and by cosponsoring with former President Gerald Ford
a national leadership conference called "Workforce 2000," and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has also served with distinction
2 on technical and special committees relating to 2-year
3 postsecondary education, among them the Florida Risk
4 Management Consortium of the Florida Council of Presidents, of
5 which he was chairman in 1997 and 1998, and

6 WHEREAS, he has exercised visionary leadership, by
7 successfully lobbying for a tax referendum that produced
8 several million dollars to pay for vital equipment; by
9 parlaying an \$11.2 million gift of land and facilities, which
10 was received from Allstate Insurance Company in 1988, into
11 more than \$30 million in state and federal grants and
12 contracts to build a thriving Southeastern Public Safety
13 Institute that is unsurpassed in the nation as a community
14 college program center; and by building partnerships with
15 Unisys, Digital, Apple, Allstate, Chrysler, Leningrad (now St.
16 Petersburg) University, and Baoji (China) University, and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has published numerous
18 professional articles and books and has received many awards,
19 which include being named "Father of the Community College
20 System" in post-war Russia and receiving a mahogany rocking
21 chair from his college family for his outstanding support of
22 faculty initiatives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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24 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
25 Florida:

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27 That the House of Representatives of the State of
28 Florida commends Dr. Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., for the superlative
29 leadership he has shown during 20 years as President of the
30 St. Petersburg Junior College, and especially wishes to
31 recognize the honor Dr. Kuttler has brought to his educational

1 institution, his city, and this state, as the 1998 recipient
2 of the national Chief Executive Officer of the Year Award
3 bestowed by the National Association of Community College
4 Trustees in Washington, D.C.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
6 with the Seal of the House of Representatives of the State of
7 Florida affixed, be presented to the St. Petersburg Junior
8 College and to President Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., as a tangible
9 token of the sentiments of the House of Representatives of the
10 State of Florida.

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