

By Representative Bloom

## House Resolution

A resolution honoring the life of Peppy Fields  
(Rosalind Flaxman).

WHEREAS, Peppy Fields was born Rosalind Schwartz and grew up on the Lower East Side, New York City, but after she was crowned Miss Coney Island at the age of 15, she changed her name to Peppy Fields and went into vaudeville, although her mother wouldn't let her go on the road, and

WHEREAS, defying her family, she sang and danced in the Loew Delancy Street Follies and other revues, and once appeared on the same playbill with another unknown actress, Jean Harlow, and

WHEREAS, marriage to Danny Flaxman and raising a family barely slowed irrepressible Peppy, who continued appearing in amateur shows and fundraisers, wrote a show business column for a trade magazine in the 1950's, and then hosted a radio show, "On the Town with Peppy Fields," on New York's WMBI, and

WHEREAS, with the family's move to Miami Beach in 1962, the radio show became the "Peppy Fields House Party," a hokey, homey, spontaneous blend of show biz, nostalgia, trivia, sing-alongs, open phone lines, and famous guests, and

WHEREAS, over time, Peppy Fields became a legend in the South Florida entertainment community, hosting her show for more than 35 years, interviewing, ad-libbing, and sometimes singing along with such big-name guests as Paul Newman, Charlton Heston, Martha Raye, Red Buttons, Jackie Gleason, and Shelley Winters, and

WHEREAS, this short, plump, energetic blond with her quick wit and high spirits also became known and widely praised for her big heart, as she staged dozens of charity

1 benefits and, from 1962 to 1997, raised hundreds of thousands  
2 of dollars as annual telethon hostess for United Cerebral  
3 Palsy Association of Miami, for which she received the  
4 Heartland Award for Charitable Service from former Governor  
5 Lawton Chiles, and

6 WHEREAS, a source of joy and good works was removed  
7 from this world with the death of Peppy Fields on October 28,  
8 1998, at the age of 92, although she is survived by a son and  
9 daughter-in-law, Neil and Lynda Flaxman, by seven  
10 grandchildren, and by three great-grandchildren, and will be  
11 long remembered by many, many others whose lives she touched,  
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13 WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the  
14 House of Representatives take this time to appreciate the life  
15 and achievements of this great lady, NOW, THEREFORE,

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17 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
18 Florida:

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20 That the House of Representatives commends the full  
21 life and exemplary achievements of Peppy Fields, born Rosalind  
22 Schwartz, and pays tribute to the exceptional talents and  
23 resources she dedicated to giving joy and service to others,  
24 and, further, expresses its heartfelt condolences to the  
25 family.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
27 be presented to the family of Peppy Fields as a tangible token  
28 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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