

By Representative Bullard

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Alvah H. Chapman, Jr.

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4 WHEREAS, Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., who retired as Chairman
5 of Knight-Ridder, Inc., in 1989 after almost 30 years with
6 that organization and remains a director of the organization,
7 is an active civic leader in the Miami area, and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman, a native of Columbus, Georgia,
9 and a graduate of The Citadel in South Carolina, served as a
10 B-17 bomber pilot and squadron commander in World War II,
11 completing 37 combat missions with the 8th Air Force, and

12 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Chapman began his newspaper
13 career at the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer and subsequently worked
14 for the St. Petersburg Times and the Savannah newspapers
15 before joining The Miami Herald, a Knight newspaper, in 1960,
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman became Chief Executive Officer of
18 Knight-Ridder, Inc., in 1976 and Chairman in 1982, a position
19 he held until his retirement, and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman's long-standing, continuing, and
21 tireless civic leadership includes serving as Chairman of the
22 Community Partnership for the Homeless, Inc., Chairman
23 Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Florida International
24 University Foundation, and Founding Chairman of Community
25 Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, an outgrowth of his work as
26 Chairman of the National Coalition Committee of the
27 President's Drug Advisory Council, and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman served, at the request of the late
29 Governor Lawton Chiles, as Chairman of the Governor's
30 Commission on the Homeless and, at the request of the late
31 Governor and of former President George Bush, as Chairman of

1 We Will Rebuild, a community effort to rebuild after the
2 devastation wrought by Hurricane Andrew, and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman is also a member of the Orange
4 Bowl Committee and serves on the Board of Trustees of the John
5 S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting that Mr. Chapman be honored, not
7 only for his professional achievements, but also for his
8 extraordinary civic leadership, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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13 That Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., is hereby honored for his
14 many years of extraordinary service to the citizens of this
15 state, both as a newspaper executive and as a civic leader.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
17 be presented to Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., as a tangible token of
18 the sentiments expressed herein.

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