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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida Commission on Human Relations for contributions to this state.

WHEREAS, the 1969 Florida Legislature enacted the Human Rights Act, which established the Florida Commission on Human Relations for the purpose of enforcing Florida's antidiscrimination laws, and

WHEREAS, state and federal laws have expanded the jurisdiction of the commission to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public lodging, food service establishments, and private clubs because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, and marital status, and

WHEREAS, in the area of housing, discrimination based on familial status is prohibited, and

WHEREAS, thirty years of progress have now been achieved by the Florida Commission on Human Relations and are being celebrated in 1999 with a 30th Anniversary Jubilee, and

WHEREAS, the commission's mission is to promote and encourage fair treatment of and equal access to opportunities for all citizens of Florida and to promote mutual understanding and respect among all Floridians by reducing intolerance, antagonism, and intergroup tension through education, legislation, and enhancement of public awareness, and

WHEREAS, as we approach the new millennium, more citizens share neighborhoods, work, school, and social relationships across racial and cultural lines than ever before, and

1 WHEREAS, despite our progress, prejudice persists, and
2 WHEREAS, the commission, as an advocate of human
3 rights, will continue to unite with advocates throughout our
4 state to rededicate itself to the spirit of freedom, justice,
5 and equality that initiated the passage of the legislation
6 that established it thirty years ago, 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 pauses in its
12 deliberations to honor the Florida Commission on Human
13 Relations as the commission celebrates three historic decades
14 of moving this state ever closer to the goal of "One Florida."

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