

By Representative Bloom

House Resolution

A resolution honoring Dan Levenson on the occasion of his 100th birthday, for his continued humanitarian and philanthropic activities.

WHEREAS, born in 1900 in Saint Petersburg, Russia, the outstanding humanitarian and philanthropist Dan Levenson has been a resident of Florida for over 50 years and now resides in Hollywood, Florida, and

WHEREAS, in 1917, Mr. Levenson was denied admission to the University of Petrograd solely on the basis of his religion and, in 1920, with the aid of an organization devoted to helping immigrants, he arrived in New York City and began a career in insurance, later making his fortune in real estate, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levenson began an effort which evolved into helping hundreds of Russian Jews relocate to Israel, assisting many more to remain safely in their homeland, and enabling dozens of people to settle in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping families escape oppression and build new lives in freedom, Dan Levenson has devoted his energy, his fortune, and himself to assuring that thousands of young people in both the United States and Israel are granted the opportunity to attend universities, and, through their own generosity, Mr. Levenson together with his late beloved wife, Ethel, have provided such opportunities and have caused dozens of others to embrace Dan's ideals by becoming major benefactors of these important institutions, and

1 WHEREAS, responsible for tens of millions of dollars in
2 gifts to a variety of educational and health care institutions
3 in Israel and the United States, Mr. Levenson has been honored
4 by dozens of community organizations and institutions for his
5 generosity, his wisdom, his energy, and his dedication to his
6 fellowman, and

7 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2000, Dan Levenson will celebrate
8 the centennial anniversary of his birth, 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 the House of Representatives wishes to express its
14 sincerest gratitude and indebtedness for all of Dan Levenson's
15 important accomplishments and contributions throughout his 100
16 remarkable years of life, and extends its best wishes to Mr.
17 Levenson for many more years of good health, continued active
18 participation in the organizations he loves, and success in
19 all his endeavors on behalf of the educational and health care
20 institutions he supports.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
23 be presented to Dan Levenson and his family members as a
24 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.