1 House Resolution 2 A resolution commending the Freemasons and Keith W. Dean for their contributions to the 3 citizens of the state. 4 5 6 WHEREAS, Freemasonry began in medieval times and has 7 been organized since the 18th century, and 8 WHEREAS, Freemasonry was transplanted to the American 9 colonies by English and Irish masons during the early decades 10 of the 18th century, and 11 WHEREAS, Keith William Dean, born in Ancon, Panama 12 Canal Zone, on October 2, 1939, graduated from Vallejo Senior 13 High School in California, served in the United States Air 14 Force for 6 years, graduated from Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, in 1971, and retired from the Florida Army 15 16 National Guard after 13 years as a special forces team 17 sergeant, and WHEREAS, Keith W. Dean has continued to serve as an 18 19 officer at both local and state levels in numerous areas of 20 Freemasonry, and in 1999 he was installed as Grand Master of 21 The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of 22 Florida, and WHEREAS, married and the father of two sons and four 23 daughters, Keith W. Dean considers his most important 24 25 activities to be his family, his Masonry, and his community 26 service and, time permitting, he also enjoys fishing and 27 camping, and 28 WHEREAS, Keith W. Dean, Grand Master of Masons of 29 Florida, serves as a leader to tens of thousands of Florida Freemasons, as well as hundreds of thousands from around the 30

31 | world who sojourn in our state, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House of Representatives of the State of Florida pause in its deliberations to honor the Freemasons and Keith W. Dean for their contributions to the state, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida hereby commends the Freemasons of Florida and Keith W. Dean for their contributions to the citizens of this state and hereby accords this expression in recognition and appreciation of the invaluable service rendered to the state. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Keith W. Dean, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.