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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the contributions of  
Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen, President of Florida  
Baptist Theological College.

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen was born in Georgia,  
received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and sociology  
from Georgia Southern College in 1969, a master's degree in  
divinity, and a Doctor of Education degree in pastoral care  
and counseling from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
in 1982, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen has worked with the Georgia  
juvenile justice system, has held numerous pastorates, was  
Vice President for student services at New Orleans Baptist  
Theological Seminary, and was Secretary/Treasurer for the West  
Virginia Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen became President of Florida  
Baptist Theological College in 1990 and during his 10-year  
tenure there, through restructuring the college's  
administrative structure and developing several new  
departments, has helped increase giving to the college from  
\$252,000 in 1991 to \$1.4 million in 1999, and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Kinchen's guiding hand, a \$400,000  
library expansion has been completed, R.G. Lee Chapel and the  
Student Center have been renovated, and a \$1.2 million  
Assembly Center has been erected to provide much needed  
classroom, office, and recreational space, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen has expanded the college's degree  
and delivery system, including Weekend College, two distance  
sites in Miami and Jacksonville, on-line courses via an  
on-line campus, and two international partnerships with

1 Barbados Baptist College and The Canadian Southern Baptist  
2 Seminary, and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Kinchen's vision of this college has  
4 become a reality through his efforts, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
7 Florida:

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9 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes  
10 the contributions of Dr. Thomas A. Kinchen in strengthening  
11 and expanding Florida Baptist Theological College as a  
12 respected institution of higher learning.

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