

By Representative Wallace

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House Resolution

A resolution commending Roger P. Stewart for 30 years of outstanding service with the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission.

WHEREAS, Roger P. Stewart has for 30 years nurtured and developed the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, created by special act of the Legislature, from a two-person staff into a highly professional local environmental regulatory agency, respected by residents, the business community, local governments, and his professional peers, while also attaining state and national recognition, and

WHEREAS, Roger P. Stewart was always plain-spoken and sometimes courageously outspoken when he believed that Florida's fragile environment was imminently threatened, and his aggressive leadership in implementing the obligations under the special act put would-be polluters on notice that no one was immune from the requirements of the law, and

WHEREAS, Roger P. Stewart was responsible for establishing and maintaining for Tampa Bay one of the first long-term comprehensive water quality monitoring systems in Florida and an extensive air sampling network for Hillsborough County, both of which have served as invaluable and irreplaceable sources of historical data about our environment, and

WHEREAS, Roger P. Stewart, through his common-sense belief that all arms of government should cooperate in the public interest, has worked tirelessly to obtain federal,

1 state, and local commitment to communicate and share resources
2 in addressing mutual concerns, and

3 WHEREAS, Roger P. Stewart has decided to step down from
4 public service as he retires from the Environmental Protection
5 Commission, leaving an enduring legacy to the residents and
6 the lands, air, and waters of Hillsborough County, NOW,
7 THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the House of Representatives commends Roger P.
13 Stewart as he leaves the Hillsborough County Environmental
14 Protection Commission after 30 years of outstanding public
15 service.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
17 be presented to Roger P. Stewart as a tangible token of the
18 sentiments expressed herein.

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