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House Resolution

A resolution commending John W. Fitzwater for his service to the community of Gainesville.

WHEREAS, John W. Fitzwater has tirelessly worked for the betterment of the people of Gainesville and has strived to help those less fortunate than himself, devoting himself to the community and achieving major goals in the areas of business and education, and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Board of the Research-Based Model Partnership Education Program to Self-Empower African American Children for School Success, which helps minority children strive for success in school and life, Mr. Fitzwater has helped to elevate and give hope to those who most need hope, and in so doing he has made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of children, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fitzwater was one of the founders of FOCUS On Leadership, which helps through mentoring and guidance to train African American citizens for future roles as leaders in the community, state, and nation, giving generously of his time and financial support, and

WHEREAS, as Campaign Chair of the United Way of Alachua County Mr. Fitzwater helped the organization surpass the 1999 goal and raised a record-setting \$2,811,499, and

WHEREAS, during his 13 years as publisher of The Gainesville Sun, John Fitzwater has always been accessible to the people of Gainesville, and through his leadership of numerous programs he has had a tremendous impact on shaping the community and helping those who are less fortunate, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida hereby commends John W. Fitzwater for his years of
6 tireless service to the community of Gainesville and wishes
7 him well in his future endeavors.

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