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House Resolution

A resolution designating Representative Jerry G. Melvin as "Dean of the Florida House of Representatives."

WHEREAS, in 1968, Jerry G. Melvin, of Fort Walton Beach, was elected to the Florida House of Representatives by the residents of District 7, a post to which he was reelected for five consecutive terms and in which he untiringly devoted himself to the constituents of that district and, later, to those of District 5, until his voluntary retirement in 1978, and

WHEREAS, during this time as a member of the House, Representative Melvin served as chair of the Committee on Retirement, Personnel & Claims, and was the founding chair of the Committee on Tourism and Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, after a 16-year absence, Jerry G. Melvin was again elected to the House of Representatives, at this point to represent District 4, and, since his return to state government, Representative Melvin has served two consecutive terms as chair of the Committee on Education Innovation and is currently chair of the Council for Lifelong Learning, and

WHEREAS, with a total of 16 years of service, Representative Jerry G. Melvin is the senior member of the House of Representatives in terms of service, and

WHEREAS, the designation of "Dean" is a time-honored title that is traditionally reserved for the longest-serving member of the House of Representatives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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4 That the members of the House of Representatives are
5 pleased to recognize Representative Jerry G. Melvin, of Fort
6 Walton Beach, for his long and distinguished service to the
7 people of this state and are honored to confer upon him the
8 title of "Dean of the Florida House of Representatives" for
9 the 2000-2002 biennium and to extend to him their heartiest
10 congratulations on his achievement of this milestone.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
12 be presented to Representative Jerry G. Melvin as a tangible
13 token of this designation and of the sentiments expressed
14 herein.

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