

By Representative Peterman

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the late Ralph Maltsby  
3 and Ed Duffee.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1962, then Secretary of State Tom Adams  
6 made a decision that would change the face of government in  
7 Florida, and

8 WHEREAS, at that time, Secretary Adams issued a  
9 directive from his office in the Old Capitol, and Ralph  
10 Maltsby, now deceased, became the first African American to be  
11 employed in Florida's capitol, and

12 WHEREAS, shortly afterward, Ed Duffee took his place as  
13 the second African American state capitol employee, and a  
14 giant stride was taken toward establishing diversity in the  
15 government of Florida, and

16 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the late Mr. Maltsby and  
17 Mr. Duffee be recognized for their place in the history of the  
18 State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
21 Florida:

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23 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
24 deliberations to pay tribute to the memory of the late Ralph  
25 Maltsby and to Ed Duffee as the first and second African  
26 Americans to be employed to work in the halls of Florida's  
27 state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
29 be presented to Mr. Ed Duffee as a tangible token of the  
30 sentiments expressed herein.

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