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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the late Dr. Richard S. Hodes.

WHEREAS, Richard S. Hodes was born in New York City on April 24, 1924, moved to Florida when he was 11 years old, and, with the former Marjorie Cohen, his wife of 55 years, lived in Tampa for 50 years, until his death on January 18, 2002, and

WHEREAS, an anesthesiologist in private practice in Tampa for more than 40 years, Richard S. Hodes, M.D., was a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine, served in the medical department of the United States Army Air Force, directed the Department of Anesthesiology at Tampa General Hospital, and was Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Florida and Clinical Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of South Florida, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hodes was a Legislator in the Florida House of Representatives for 16 years following his election in 1966, during which time he served as Speaker Pro Tempore and as Majority Leader and participated on both state and national levels in matters relating to intergovernmental relations, natural and human resources, and economics, but is perhaps best remembered for his work on behalf of health care and education, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hodes was recognized by his legislative colleagues across the country for his dedication to public service and is the only Florida legislator to be elected as the President of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Hodes hosted a weekly local television
2 program for 20 years and was a member or an officer in a wide
3 variety of organizations, including Temple Congregation
4 Schaarai Zedek, the Downtown Tampa Rotary Club, the Florida
5 Board of Bar Examiners, and the Board of New College, as well
6 as a number of medical associations and societies, and

7 WHEREAS, described by his daughter and only child,
8 Marilyn, as "the most incredibly intelligent man" she had ever
9 known, Dr. Hodes was dedicated to his family, his community,
10 and his profession and was active as Clinical Director for
11 Florida Medical Quality Assurance until he was hospitalized on
12 December 12, NOW, THEREFORE,

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14 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
15 Florida:

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17 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
18 deliberations to pay tribute to Richard S. Hodes, M.D., and to
19 honor the memory of a truly great man.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
21 be presented to Marjorie C. Hodes and Marilyn Meyerson as a
22 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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