

By Representatives Melvin, Ausley and Seiler

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Allen C. Morris.

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4 WHEREAS, while covering the Legislature in 1941 for the  
5 Miami Herald, Allen Morris developed a fascination for the  
6 workings and people of Florida government, and

7 WHEREAS, in 1947 and biennially thereafter, he  
8 published The Florida Handbook, the comprehensive and  
9 acknowledged authority on Florida history, commerce, and  
10 government, and

11 WHEREAS, while a freelance journalist, Allen Morris  
12 wrote the syndicated "Cracker Politics" column, through which  
13 he provided an astute and sweeping chronicle of Florida  
14 political history from 1943-1966, and

15 WHEREAS, while still a journalist, Allen Morris became  
16 a consultant on the Rules of the House of Representatives and  
17 often noted that it was through respect for the Rules that we  
18 demonstrate respect for the institution itself, and

19 WHEREAS, Allen Morris was elected by the Members of the  
20 House of Representatives as Clerk in 1966, responsible for  
21 recording sessions and providing parliamentary counsel, and  
22 was subsequently elected and held office for 10 terms and 77  
23 sessions, and

24 WHEREAS, Allen Morris served as Clerk Emeritus while  
25 continuing his historical writings from 1986 to 1993, and

26 WHEREAS, in thought, temperament, and consideration for  
27 others, Allen Morris represented all that is good and worthy  
28 about this great institution of which we are a part, and

29 WHEREAS, Allen C. Morris, beloved teacher, counselor,  
30 and friend to this Chamber and to generations of Florida

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1 political leaders, died on April 22, 2002, in his  
2 ninety-second year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
5 Florida:

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7 That the House of Representatives mourns the passing of  
8 its faithful servant Allen Morris and acknowledges his vast  
9 and timeless contributions to the people of Florida.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
11 be presented to the family of Allen Morris as a tangible token  
12 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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