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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing Florida Orange Groves, Inc., and  
3 Winery.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida Orange Groves, Inc., and Winery is a  
6 family-owned business in St. Petersburg that had its beginnings  
7 in the early 1970's packing and shipping fresh citrus, soon  
8 expanding to include a gift shop and retail sales of fresh-  
9 squeezed juice, and

10 WHEREAS, by late 1997, the business had grown to include a  
11 winery offering fine wines and premium wine products made only  
12 from pure Florida citrus juice, and the winery, one of only  
13 eight in the state, is the only one in Pinellas County, and

14 WHEREAS, annually since 1997, Florida Orange Groves, Inc.,  
15 and Winery has received national and international recognition  
16 and has won 92 medals at fruit-wine judging contests such as the  
17 prestigious competition held at the Indiana State Fair, at the  
18 Florida State Fair, and most recently at the first Wines of the  
19 South Competition held in Tennessee in November 2002, and

20 WHEREAS, as further evidence of the superior quality of  
21 these fine wines, the Florida Citrus Commission in 2000 granted  
22 the winery the use of its "Florida Sunshine Tree" licensing  
23 insignia, the first time in its 65-year history the commission  
24 has granted such right for use on a beverage other than orange  
25 or grapefruit juice; and in 2002, the Florida Department of  
26 Agriculture began promoting the winery's Florida Grapefruit wine  
27 jointly with Florida Seafood, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
30 Florida:



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32 That the House of Representatives recognizes the Florida  
33 Orange Groves, Inc., and Winery for its outstanding  
34 contributions to the wine industry of Florida.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
36 presented to Vincent R. Shook, President, Florida Orange Groves,  
37 Inc., and Winery, as a tangible token of the sentiments  
38 expressed herein.