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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the memory of Dr. Israel Tribble,  
3 Jr.

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5 WHEREAS, apprehended as a coconspirator in an attempted  
6 practical joke, young Philadelphia 10th grader "Ike" Tribble,  
7 son of a single mother with a third-grade education, was singled  
8 out by his teacher, who, sensing the boy's extraordinary  
9 potential, pulled him from his trade-school curriculum and  
10 immersed him in college preparatory courses, predicting that  
11 "some day you're going to make a mark for your race," and

12 WHEREAS, five decades later, after earning a bachelor's  
13 degree from Montclair State University in New Jersey, rising to  
14 the rank of captain in the United States Army, receiving  
15 master's and doctoral degrees from California State and Stanford  
16 Universities, respectively, and devoting himself to a career in  
17 higher education, Dr. Israel Tribble authored his first book,  
18 "Making their Mark: Educating African-American Children," and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Tribble served in schools and colleges from  
20 the West Coast to the East Coast as instructor, administrator,  
21 and officer and held high positions in the United States  
22 Departments of Defense and Education; he was one of the few  
23 blacks in the inner circle of Tampa business leaders and, the  
24 first black chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce,  
25 crafted a board that better represents the diverse business  
26 community; he held about 30 appointed positions on various  
27 boards and committees and, as director of the Florida Education  
28 Fund for 17 years, helped a generation of African Americans earn  
29 doctoral and law degrees through financial aid, emotional  
30 support, and inspiration, and



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31 WHEREAS, on June 21, 2003, the remarkable life of an  
32 outstanding family man, business leader, and champion of  
33 African-American history and scholarship ended after 62 years,  
34 remembered and mourned by family, friends, colleagues,  
35 politicians, and, perhaps his greatest legacy, scores of  
36 advanced degree holders, among whom was his elder daughter, who,  
37 on May 10, fulfilled her father's wish that she earn a doctorate  
38 so she "could be Dr. Tribble just like him," NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
41 Florida:

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43 That the Members of the House of Representatives join to  
44 express their respect and honor for the late Dr. Israel Tribble,  
45 Jr., a brilliant, courageous, dynamic leader, and to offer their  
46 sincere condolences to his bereaved family.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
48 presented to wife Sheila Simmons, to daughter Ahsha, and to  
49 daughter Aiyisha as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
50 herein.