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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Canaveral Port Authority on the 50th anniversary of Port Canaveral.

WHEREAS, a small commercial fishing and oil port, with its Port Authority offices located in downtown Cocoa and staffed by only one person, Barbara E. Smith, Port Canaveral was dedicated on November 4, 1953, at a ceremony presided over by former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives Colonel Noah Butt and Florida's United States Senator Spessard B. Holland and in 50 short years has grown into one of the busiest cruise ports in the world, second only to Miami, and

WHEREAS, in April 1965, the Canaveral Lock was dedicated, allowing further growth of Port Canaveral and Brevard County and offering recreational ocean access for area residents; and the 400-foot cargo piers were completed on the north side of the port in the summer of 1976, thus enabling further economic expansion and business opportunities for the county and Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, in February 1982, the conversion of the 20,000-square-foot warehouse into Cruise Terminal 1 on the north side of the port was complete and, the first cruise ship to homeport at Port Canaveral, the "S/S Scandinavian Sea" began 1-day cruises, followed in March 1984 by Premier Cruise Lines' "S/S Royale," which began the first year-round 3-day and 4-day cruises from Port Canaveral to the Bahamas, and

WHEREAS, in June 1989, Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 136 was activated with Astrotech, Inc., the first zone customer and operator, making Port Canaveral, offering transportation via

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30 air, land, space, and sea, the world's first quadramodal port,
31 and

32 WHEREAS, today, Port Canaveral continues to flourish and to
33 maintain and strengthen its position as a world-class seaport
34 and vacation destination, offering more recreational
35 opportunities than all of Florida's other deepwater seaports
36 combined and contributing over 30,000 jobs and more than \$504
37 million in wages and having an economic impact of more than \$808
38 million to the Central Florida region, 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 House of Representatives commends the Port
44 Canaveral Port Authority for its half-century of farsighted
45 leadership which has resulted in its becoming a major economic
46 engine in Brevard County and Central Florida, recognizes the
47 longevity and success of Port Canaveral, and wishes the port
48 many more years of prosperity and growth.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to the Canaveral Port Authority as a tangible token of
51 the sentiments expressed herein.