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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Ms. Hazel Haley.

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Haley, Florida's longest-serving active teacher, has spent nearly 63 of her 65 remarkable years as an educator teaching English at Lakeland High School, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haley, 86, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Florida Southern College in Lakeland and, after teaching briefly at Oviedo and Moore Haven High Schools, returned to her high school alma mater in Lakeland from which she had graduated in 1933, and

WHEREAS, indicative of the esteem in which she is held as one of the state's truly outstanding teachers, Ms. Haley is an inductee into the Polk County Schools Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Hollis Award for Community Service; there are scholarships in her honor at both Florida Southern College and Polk Community College; and a building on the Lakeland Senior High School campus proudly bears her name, and

WHEREAS, in addition to her being dearly cherished by the citizens of Polk County as their very own unique treasure, Ms. Haley has gained renown far beyond the borders of her local community and of her state, as evidenced by a recent two-day classroom visit and interview by a reporter from the Times of London in preparation for a feature story to appear in the paper's weekly educational supplement on May 23, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30           That the House of Representatives is truly honored to  
31 recognize and extend its sincere gratitude to Ms. Hazel Haley,  
32 whose influence as a truly committed teacher has touched  
33 thousands of lives in ways and numbers that cannot be reckoned.

34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
35 presented to Ms. Hazel Haley as a tangible token of the  
36 sentiments expressed herein.