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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of Mary B. Hooks.

WHEREAS, born in Coahoma, Mississippi, and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Mary B. Hooks was the owner of her own insurance agency when she was elected to the West Palm Beach City Commission in 1993 and was reelected twice, serving as the president of the commission in 1996-1997, and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mrs. Hooks, a Democrat, surprised her friends by endorsing Jeb Bush for Governor, and

WHEREAS, after Jeb Bush was elected Governor, Mrs. Hooks resigned her position on the commission to become the Secretary of Labor and Employment Security, and

WHEREAS, after the Department of Labor and Employment Security was abolished, Mrs. Hooks worked in the Agency for Workforce Innovation as a liaison for community and business groups, and

WHEREAS, in the fight against breast cancer she was a committed volunteer and served as the honorary chairwoman of the 13th annual Race For The Cure, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bush said that Mary Hooks "embodied the true spirit of public service coupled with strong experience as a successful business owner and community leader," NOW,

THEREFORE,

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

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29 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
30 deliberations to honor the memory of Mary Hooks.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
32 presented to her husband, Lee Hooks, as a tangible token of the
33 sentiments expressed herein.