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House Resolution

A resolution commending Frederick B. Karl.

WHEREAS, Frederick B. Karl was born in Daytona Beach to the late Fred J. and Mary Karl and attended the University of

Florida before earning a law degree from Stetson University, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl served in the United States Army and served as Tank Platoon Leader in the 20th and 2nd Armored Divisions, where he was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart medal, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl thereafter began a career in the public sector, including serving as State Representative, as State Senator, and as the first legislatively appointed Public Counsel, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl became Justice Karl when he was elected to the Florida Supreme Court, the last elected Justice, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl co-authored Law Review articles used by the Legislature when considering impeachment or executive suspension, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl has served in other capacities, including attorney for the Volusia County School District and the Cities of Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach before relocating to Tampa, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl became Special Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, and Administrator to Hillsborough County before becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of Tampa General Hospital, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl then retired but was called back as Attorney for the City of Tampa in March 2003, a position from

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30 which he retired April 2, 2004, and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Karl has received awards for his service,
32 ranging from Florida Trend Magazine's "Florida's Most
33 Influential Men" to the Equal Opportunity Employer of the Year
34 by the Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League, while also serving on a
35 variety of boards too numerous to mention, and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Karl was known and regarded for his
37 intelligence, eloquence, and capability of facilitating
38 compromise, being called a "brilliant public servant" by the
39 Tampa Tribune, a description echoed throughout the community,
40 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That Frederick B. Karl is recognized for his contributions
46 to Florida, Hillsborough County, and the City of Tampa in
47 serving with distinction for almost half a century in both
48 elected and the highest level of senior management positions.

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