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House Resolution

A resolution commending Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin.

WHEREAS, Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin was born May 4, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Sienna Heights College and a Master of Science Technology Degree in Biology and a Ph.D. Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Arizona, and began her career in education in 1950 when she started teaching, and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Sister Jeanne became President of Barry University and in the 23 ensuing years, employing her extraordinary leadership skills, has led the university to unprecedented growth, diversity, and prosperity, raising over \$200 million, increasing scholarship funds to \$29 million annually, increasing enrollment from 1,750 to 9,042, doubling the number of the university academic schools from 5 to 10, adding 38 new buildings, and planting more than 2,000 new trees on the expanding Miami Shores campus, and

WHEREAS, dedicated to empowering women and minorities through higher education, Sister Jeanne has led to the university's recognition as the most diverse institution of higher learning in the Southeastern United States for the past seven years, according to U.S. News & World Report, and

WHEREAS, a dynamic leader among professional educators and selflessly committed to community service, Sister Jeanne has actively participated in and led numerous prestigious educational organizations and has been honored on many occasions, including her having received the "First Annual Life Enrichment Award" from B'nai B'rith Women of South Coastal

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30 Regions, the "Women Who Make a Difference Award" from the Young
 31 Women's Christian Association of Greater Miami, the "Peace and
 32 Unity Award" from the St. Martin De Porres Association, and the
 33 Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal from Pope John-Paul II for
 34 service to the Catholic Church, and

35 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2004, Sister Jeanne will end her
 36 service as President of Barry University and commence a 1-year
 37 sabbatical, during which she plans to finish her book of memoirs
 38 entitled "Who is Love?" and lead a mission to help create
 39 schools for women in other countries, with plans to return to
 40 Barry University in 2005 to serve as its Chancellor, NOW,
 41 THEREFORE,

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

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 46 That Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin is commended for her
 47 remarkable accomplishments as a professional educator and for
 48 her countless contributions to the residents of Miami-Dade
 49 County.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 51 presented to Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin as a tangible token of the
 52 sentiments expressed herein.