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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the City of Coconut Creek as the
3 "Butterfly Capital of the World."
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5 WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has long been an
6 advocate of conservation practices and of environmental
7 preservation and has long fostered the development of natural
8 wildlife habitats within its borders, and

9 WHEREAS, the city adopted the butterfly as its symbol in
10 2002 to illustrate its commitment to the natural beauty of the
11 South Florida ecosystem, and

12 WHEREAS, the city has actively fostered the growth of its
13 butterfly population by educating its citizens on the practice
14 of butterfly gardening and its positive effects on the existing
15 environment, including the health of the ecosystem as well as
16 aesthetic benefits, and

17 WHEREAS, the city has conducted such education through
18 displays, production, and distribution of butterfly garden-
19 related literature and other instructional material; led the
20 practice of butterfly gardening through example, planting
21 butterfly gardens throughout Coconut Creek's public facilities;
22 cultivated a population of the rare Atala butterfly, which was
23 nearly rendered extinct in the 1970's; provided residents the
24 physical means to plant butterfly gardens, giving away hundreds
25 of butterfly-attracting plants to residents each Arbor Day; and
26 marketed itself as "Butterfly Capital of the World,"
27 trademarking the title and adopting a butterfly design to use as
28 its identifying brand, and

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29 WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has established
30 butterfly-themed special events designed to involve the
31 community in the spirit of "Butterfly Capital of the World" such
32 as the Coconut Creek Butterfly Festival, a community event that
33 attracts more than 5,000 residents per year, and the annual
34 Coconut Creek Butterfly Run, a 5-K race that has become a
35 highlight of the South Florida running season, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the City of Coconut Creek is recognized as the
41 "Butterfly Capital of the World" and is commended on its efforts
42 to advocate for the environment by assisting in the flourishing
43 of butterflies within the city's boundaries.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
45 presented to the City of Coconut Creek as a tangible token of
46 the sentiments expressed herein.