

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the memory of Judge Henry Latimer.

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4 WHEREAS, Henry Latimer was born in Ocilla, Georgia, on  
5 January 22, 1938, grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, and went on  
6 to earn his undergraduate degree from Florida Agricultural and  
7 Mechanical University in 1963, his graduate degree from Florida  
8 Atlantic University in 1967, and his degree of Juris Doctor from  
9 the University of Miami's Law School in 1973, and

10 WHEREAS, in 1979, Henry Latimer was appointed by Florida  
11 Governor Bob Graham to serve as a Circuit Court Judge in Broward  
12 County, in which capacity he was regarded for his intellect and  
13 fairness and consistently received the highest rating of "most  
14 qualified" from lawyers who practiced in his courtroom, and

15 WHEREAS, Henry Latimer stepped down from the judgeship to  
16 return to private practice, and his giving spirit and commitment  
17 to providing legal services to the less fortunate led him to  
18 create the Laura Latimer Free Legal Clinic, in the name of his  
19 sister, through which he enlisted attorneys to provide legal  
20 clinics, and

21 WHEREAS, Henry Latimer, active in numerous professional  
22 associations and community service organizations and the  
23 recipient of many prestigious awards and honors, held his most  
24 recent position with the nationally prominent law firm of  
25 Greenberg Traurig, and

26 WHEREAS, on January 24, 2005, Henry Latimer, a devoted  
27 husband, father, grandfather, uncle, mentor, and friend, ended  
28 his service upon this earth, leaving the citizens of Florida to

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29 | mourn the loss of an influential and matchless individual, NOW,  
30 | THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
33 | Florida:

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35 |       That the House of Representatives, with immense pride mixed  
36 | with extreme sadness, honors the memory of an outstanding  
37 | citizen and extends its sincere sympathy to the family, friends,  
38 | and associates of Henry "Lat" Latimer.

39 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
40 | presented to the late judge's wife, Mildred Latimer, and his  
41 | daughters, Tracie Latimer and Desiree Williams, as a tangible  
42 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.