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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the late Copeland D. Newbern, Jr.

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4 WHEREAS, Copeland D. Newbern, Jr., familiarly known as
5 "Cope," a North Carolinian by birth but a Floridian by choice,
6 was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture by the
7 University of Florida in 1933 and was later honored as a
8 recipient of the university's Distinguished Alumni Award, and

9 WHEREAS, until his death on October 29, 2005, Mr. Newbern
10 maintained strong ties to his alma mater, as evidenced by his
11 service as a member of the University of Florida Foundation
12 Board and the UF/IFAS Share Council and by the establishment,
13 with his wife, Edna, of a \$1 million endowment for agricultural
14 scholarships, and

15 WHEREAS, after receiving his degree, Mr. Newbern taught at
16 Hernando High School; thereafter served as the agricultural
17 agent for that county; and, in 1945, moved to Tampa, where he
18 demonstrated his entrepreneurial expertise in the citrus gift
19 business, an enterprise eventually expanded to include citrus
20 groves in five counties, including the landmark "Newbern
21 Groves," a 40-acre tract of citrus in Hillsborough County along
22 North Nebraska Avenue, and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbern was a valued member of the boards of
24 the Florida Citrus Commission, the Florida Fresh Fruit Shippers,
25 and the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association and was
26 inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1999, and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Newbern also served on many other boards,
28 including his service as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of

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29 Atlanta, Jacksonville Branch; as Curator for Stephens College in
30 Columbia, Missouri, where he was elected Honorary Life Member of
31 the Board of Curators in 1982; and as a trustee for the Florida
32 Institute of Technology, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That the House of Representatives honors the memory of
38 Copeland D. Newbern, Jr., one of Florida's outstanding citizens,
39 and extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife, his children,
40 and his grandchildren.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
42 presented to Mrs. Edna Newbern as a tangible token of the
43 sentiments expressed herein.