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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the dedication and contributions of
Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek.

WHEREAS, born on April 29, 1926, as the granddaughter of a
slave and the daughter of former sharecroppers, Congresswoman
Carrie P. Meek spent her childhood in a then-segregated
Tallahassee and graduated from Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University in 1946, a time when African Americans
were not permitted to attend graduate school in Florida, and

WHEREAS, after traveling north to continue her education
and graduating from the University of Michigan with a master's
degree, Carrie P. Meek worked as an educator at Bethune Cookman
College in Daytona Beach and at her alma mater, FAMU, before
moving to Miami to serve as special assistant to the vice
president of Miami-Dade Community College, a segregated school
at which she played a central role in pushing for integration,
and

WHEREAS, active in community projects in the Miami area,
Carrie P. Meek was elected as a state representative in 1979 and
was the first African-American female elected to the Florida
State Senate in 1982, during which time she served on the
Education Appropriations Subcommittee and helped pave the way
for the construction of thousands of affordable rental housing
units in her district, and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Senator Meek was elected to the United
States House of Representatives from Florida's 17th
Congressional District, a feat which made her the first African-

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29 American lawmaker elected to represent Florida in Congress since
30 Reconstruction, and

31 WHEREAS, upon taking office, Congresswoman Meek faced the
32 task of helping her district recover from the devastation
33 wrought by Hurricane Andrew, her efforts helping to provide \$100
34 million in federal assistance to rebuild Dade County, NOW,
35 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 House of Representatives honors Congresswoman
41 Carrie P. Meek for her lifetime of dedication to the citizens of
42 the State of Florida and the United States of America and
43 recognizes her for her significant contributions that,
44 throughout the state and the nation, have helped nurture
45 children, strengthen communities, and improve the democratic
46 process.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
48 presented to Congresswoman Meek as a tangible token of the
49 sentiments expressed herein.