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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution in honor of John Phelps, Clerk of the Florida  
3 House of Representatives.

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5 WHEREAS, John Phelps began his dedicated service to the  
6 Florida House of Representatives in 1974 as a Legislative Fellow  
7 in the House Intern Program, and

8 WHEREAS, John Phelps has served the Florida House in a  
9 multitude of capacities since 1974, including Legislative  
10 Analyst, Executive Assistant to the Speaker, Staff Director of  
11 the Rules Committee, and Deputy Clerk, and in 1986 was elected  
12 Clerk of the Florida House of Representatives, and

13 WHEREAS, John Phelps has served as Clerk of the Florida  
14 House of Representatives during an era of great change and has  
15 been in the forefront of implementing technological advances in  
16 modernizing the operation of the Clerk's Office during the past  
17 20 years, and

18 WHEREAS, John Phelps has distinguished himself nationally  
19 among other Legislative Clerks and brought great credit and  
20 respect to the Florida House of Representatives by holding many  
21 national offices, including Chair of the Mason's Manual  
22 Commission, the Staff Chair of the National Conference of State  
23 Legislatures, and the President of the American Society of  
24 Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, and

25 WHEREAS, John Phelps has further distinguished himself on  
26 an international level as a consultant for the Center for  
27 International Development, a consultant for AMIDEAST, and Chair  
28 of the International Task Force of the Legislative Staff

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29 Coordinating Committee for the National Conference of State  
30 Legislatures, working with legislative institutions in Iraq,  
31 Palestine, Ghana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Costa Rica, El Salvador,  
32 Guatemala, and Honduras, and

33 WHEREAS, John Phelps has been recognized for outstanding  
34 services as the recipient of numerous awards for legislative  
35 achievement, including the 2005 Award for Distinguished Service  
36 presented by the American Society of Legislative Clerks and  
37 Secretaries, and

38 WHEREAS, the example set by John Phelps of personal  
39 dignity, of meticulous attention to detail, and of respect for  
40 the integrity of proper legislative procedure has inspired staff  
41 and legislators for more than 30 years, and

42 WHEREAS, the innovations implemented by John Phelps have  
43 led to recognition of the Florida Legislature as a national  
44 leader among state legislatures, and

45 WHEREAS, John Phelps has served the following Speakers as  
46 Clerk of the Florida House of Representatives: Jon Mills, Tom  
47 Gustafson, T.K. Wetherell, Bo Johnson, Peter Rudy Wallace,  
48 Daniel Webster, John Thrasher, Tom Feeney, Johnnie Byrd, and  
49 Allan Bense, and

50 WHEREAS, John Phelps has always lent a guiding hand to all  
51 members, has been a source of steady wisdom, and has been a  
52 great friend to the members and staff of the Florida House of  
53 Representatives and to all Floridians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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55 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
56 Florida:

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58           That the House of Representatives commends John Phelps, a  
59 true and dedicated Florida Scholar, archivist, and participant  
60 in Florida history, on his service to the State of Florida and  
61 hereby expresses its heartfelt appreciation and affection.

62           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
63 presented to John Phelps as a tangible token of the sentiments  
64 expressed herein.