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House Resolution

A resolution in memory of former Representative William Caleb Grimes.

WHEREAS, William Caleb Grimes was born on October 17, 1918, in Palmetto, Florida, son of the late Jessie Sims Grimes and Edward Glenn Grimes, and

WHEREAS, William Caleb Grimes graduated from Palmetto High School in 1935 and received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida, an LLB degree from the University of Florida College of Law in 1941, and a Masters in Business Administration from Harvard University in 1945, and

WHEREAS, called to active duty in 1941, William Caleb Grimes bravely served his country in the United States Army during World War II, reaching the rank of Major, and

WHEREAS, while completing his military service at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, William Caleb Grimes met Janet Craig Brouillette, whom he married in August of 1947, and

WHEREAS, following his military service, William Caleb Grimes joined his father's law practice and was a senior member of Grimes Goebel Grimes Hawkins Gladfelter and Galvano, PL, until his retirement in 2006, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his noted legal career, which included service as attorney for the City of Palmetto, William Caleb Grimes served two terms as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1954 to 1958, during which he supported such important legislation as the "Bulkhead Act," which ended

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29 | indiscriminate dredging and filling of bays and other waters,
30 | the creation of the Florida Community College System, and the
31 | creation and preservation of Coquina Beach and Leffis Key on
32 | Anna Maria Island as public beaches, and

33 | WHEREAS, during his lifetime, William Caleb Grimes was
34 | active in civic, charitable, and professional organizations,
35 | receiving numerous awards and honors, including Manatee County's
36 | Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1974, and for his service
37 | on the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar from 1974 to 1979
38 | and other legal work, was named among the Manatee County Bar
39 | Association's Legends of the Bar in 2006, and

40 | WHEREAS, William Caleb Grimes was an active supporter of
41 | the Palmetto Boys Club, volunteering as a youth baseball coach
42 | for many years and serving as a director, and

43 | WHEREAS, William Caleb Grimes passed away on Tuesday,
44 | February 13, 2007, and is survived by his wife of 59 years,
45 | Janet; his son, Caleb; his daughter, Elizabeth; and six
46 | grandchildren, and is mourned by a grateful community and state,
47 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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49 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
50 | Florida:

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52 | That William Caleb Grimes is remembered and honored for his
53 | many accomplishments and exemplary service to his community,
54 | state, nation, family, and friends.

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55 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
56 | forwarded to the family of William Caleb Grimes as a tangible
57 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.