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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing The Florida Orchestra, Inc., on  
3 the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

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5 WHEREAS, founded in 1967, The Florida Orchestra, Inc., has  
6 been serving the Tampa-Clearwater-St. Petersburg community as  
7 one of the premier regional orchestras in the United States and  
8 the largest professional performing arts organization in Central  
9 Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, The Florida Orchestra, Inc., is a state-designated  
11 major cultural institution that receives widespread support from  
12 the community and owes its continued success and growing  
13 strength as a major cultural asset to the Tampa Bay community,  
14 the region, and the state, and

15 WHEREAS, The Florida Orchestra, Inc., was founded and  
16 incorporated 40 years ago as the Florida Gulf Coast Symphony  
17 when the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra and the Tampa  
18 Philharmonic agreed to merge, naming Irwin Hoffman as its first  
19 music director, and

20 WHEREAS, *American Record Guide* named The Florida Orchestra,  
21 Inc., "the best orchestra in the Southeast, on the level of the  
22 San Francisco Symphony under Michael Tilson Thomas," and was the  
23 first symphony orchestra to be invited to and perform at the NFL  
24 Super Bowl under Maestro Jahja Ling, and

25 WHEREAS, after an extensive international search, the  
26 highly regarded Stefan Sanderling was named Music Director of  
27 The Florida Orchestra, Inc., in May 2002, and

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28           WHEREAS, Stefan Sanderling studied at the Leipzig  
29 Conservatory and the University of Southern California and led  
30 prestigious orchestras throughout Europe and the United States,  
31 including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Detroit Symphony  
32 Orchestra, the London Philharmonic, the Orchestra de Bretagne,  
33 and the Philharmonic Orchestra, among many others, and has  
34 extended his contract with The Florida Orchestra, Inc., through  
35 the 2011 season, and

36           WHEREAS, now in its 40th year, The Florida Orchestra, Inc.,  
37 continues to gain strength and popularity and, with world class  
38 musical leadership and experienced professional management,  
39 coupled with conscientious board oversight and strong financial  
40 support, is well positioned to maintain its superior musical and  
41 artistic standard, NOW, THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
44 Florida:

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46           That The Florida Orchestra, Inc., is congratulated on the  
47 occasion of its 40th anniversary and recognized for its success  
48 as a world class musical organization.