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House Resolution

A resolution extending condolences to the family of the late Manuel Toro.

WHEREAS, Manuel Toro left Puerto Rico, and, upon his arrival in the Unites States, lost no time in his pursuit of the "American Dream," and

WHEREAS, Manuel Toro, already a practicing psychiatrist and a successful businessman, recognized central Florida's need for a Spanish-language newspaper, creating La Prensa, the first and oldest Spanish newspaper in Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, Manuel Toro printed the first edition of La Prensa in 1981, and, with only 16 pages and a simple typesetting machine, La Prensa has grown to a circulation of 40,000 papers weekly and recently celebrated 25 years of service to the community, and

WHEREAS, with the growth of La Prensa, Manuel Toro reached his goal of a Spanish-language newspaper that developed a stronger sense of community for Hispanics in Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, at his death on January 5, 2007, Manuel Toro left behind his wife, Dora, and five children, Frances Elizabeth, Manuel Antonio Jr., Manuel Fernando, Jose Luis, and Javier Antonio, to each of whom he bequeathed a legacy of great value, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives extends its sincere condolences to the family of Manuel Toro with the hope that its members will gain much comfort in the knowledge that the world is a better place because of the life of their dear husband and father.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Dora Toro as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.