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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the life of Adelle Vaughn-Jemison  
3 and recognizing her devoted service and valuable  
4 contributions to her community and its children.  
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6 WHEREAS, Adelle Vaughn-Jemison, an Ocala native and well-  
7 known educator and activist in Pinellas County, died on November  
8 19, 2007, at 77 years of age, and

9 WHEREAS, for nearly 40 years, Adelle Vaughn-Jemison devoted  
10 her life to equality, children, and education, serving as a  
11 child welfare worker for the City of St. Petersburg, a social  
12 worker for the Pinellas County School System, and an assistant  
13 superintendent for the school system's Office of Equal  
14 Opportunity, and

15 WHEREAS, in 1968, after a St. Petersburg sanitation  
16 workers' strike, Adelle Vaughn-Jemison helped found the St.  
17 Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Alliance, an  
18 organization charged with bridging the gap between the city's  
19 white and black residents, and

20 WHEREAS, while tackling inequality in the school system,  
21 Adelle Vaughn-Jemison became involved in promoting public safety  
22 and, in 1979, joined the St. Petersburg Police Department's  
23 Community Police Council where she remained an active member  
24 until her death, and

25 WHEREAS, in 2002, Adelle Vaughn-Jemison helped form the  
26 Concerned Organizations for Quality Education for Black  
27 Students, a St. Petersburg group which continues to work with  
28 the Pinellas County School District to narrow the academic

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29 | achievement gap between the district's white and black students,  
30 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
33 | Florida:

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35 |       That the life of Adelle Vaughn-Jemison is hereby honored  
36 | and that her devoted service and valuable contributions to her  
37 | community and its children are recognized.