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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Elder Carl Joseph for his devoted  
3 ministry, outstanding accomplishments, and valuable  
4 contributions to the residents of Florida.  
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6 WHEREAS, Elder Carl Joseph, despite being born with only  
7 one leg and without the use of a prosthesis, earned 13 varsity  
8 letters in football, basketball, and track at Madison High  
9 School in Madison, Florida, where he was also captain of the  
10 football team and an honor student, and

11 WHEREAS, following his graduation from high school, Elder  
12 Carl Joseph continued his education at the University of  
13 Pittsburgh, where he played middle linebacker on the school's  
14 football team, and

15 WHEREAS, following a desire to be closer to his home, Elder  
16 Carl Joseph transferred to Bethune-Cookman College, where he  
17 would accept a scholarship and play football for four years, and

18 WHEREAS, as an athlete, Elder Carl Joseph earned numerous  
19 awards, including awards for most versatile and spirited athlete  
20 and most courageous team player, and was named the Most  
21 Courageous Athlete of 1981 by the Philadelphia Sports Writers  
22 Association, and

23 WHEREAS, Elder Carl Joseph earned his degree in physical  
24 education from Bethune-Cookman College in 1987, and

25 WHEREAS, following his college graduation, Elder Carl  
26 Joseph began teaching children with special needs in the Madison  
27 County school system, and

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28 WHEREAS, Elder Carl Joseph, also a gifted vocalist, lent  
29 his talents to various choirs before joining his friend Eric  
30 Farmer in founding an inspirational gospel group, the Spiritual  
31 Tru-Tones, and soon thereafter was ordained as a minister, a  
32 calling of several members of the Tru-Tones, and

33 WHEREAS, Elder Carl Joseph is married to Minister Michelle  
34 Joseph, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That Elder Carl Joseph is recognized for his devoted  
40 ministry, his various outstanding accomplishments, and the  
41 valuable contribution he continues to make to his students and  
42 to the residents of Florida as an inspiring example of lifelong  
43 strength and determination.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
45 presented to Elder Carl Joseph as a tangible token of the  
46 sentiments expressed herein.