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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Mayor Steven L. Abrams for his  
3 exemplary personal and professional achievements.

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5 WHEREAS, Steven L. Abrams assumed office as the 32nd Mayor  
6 of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, in March 2001 and was  
7 reelected in 2003 without opposition and in 2005 with the most  
8 votes cast in the history of the city, and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams, a recipient of the Philo Sherman  
10 Bennett Prize for the best government senior thesis, graduated  
11 magna cum laude in 1980 from Harvard University and received his  
12 law degree from The George Washington University in 1985, and

13 WHEREAS, prior to moving to Florida, Mayor Abrams served in  
14 the White House as law clerk to the Counsel to President Reagan  
15 and is a member of the Florida and the District of Columbia  
16 Bars, and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams is an attorney in the Boca Raton  
18 office of the national law firm of Blank Rome LLP, and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams has lectured at the Florida Atlantic  
20 University College of Business and was inducted into the  
21 National Society of Collegiate Scholars as a distinguished  
22 member by the Florida Atlantic University chapter in 2001, and

23 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams received the President's Talon  
24 Leadership Award from Florida Atlantic University in 2003 and  
25 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Everglades  
26 University in 2005, and

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27 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams was a member of the Treasure Coast  
28 Regional Planning Council and was appointed by the President of  
29 the Senate to the Florida Commission on Local Government, and

30 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams was a member of the City's Planning  
31 and Zoning Board from 1987 to 1989 and served five terms as City  
32 Council Member from 1989 to 1999, including three years as  
33 Deputy Mayor, and

34 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams is a past president and current board  
35 member of the Palm Beach County League of Cities and serves on  
36 several community advisory boards, and

37 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams has been a member of many nonprofit  
38 community advisory boards over the years, including the Boys and  
39 Girls Club, and

40 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams is a past president of the Boca Raton  
41 Republican Club and served as the Palm Beach County chairman for  
42 Congressman Clay Shaw's reelection campaigns, vice chairman for  
43 the "Bush for Governor" campaign in 1998, and co-chairman for  
44 the "Dole for President" campaign in 1996, and

45 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams gained national recognition and the  
46 respect of local voters during the first bioterrorist attack in  
47 American history, the discovery of anthrax at the American  
48 Media, Inc. building in October 2001, and

49 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams received the Distinguished Service  
50 Medal from the Israel National Police for his leadership during  
51 the ordeal and was invited by a United States Senate  
52 subcommittee to testify on national television regarding the  
53 government's response, and

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54 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams was dubbed by the media as the "Rudy  
55 Giuliani of the Tropics" for his handling of the incident, and

56 WHEREAS, Mayor Abrams has been voted "Best City Official"  
57 each year since 2002 by the readers of the Boca Raton Times,  
58 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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63 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the  
64 exemplary personal and professional achievements of Mayor Steven  
65 L. Abrams and offers its gratitude for his dedicated service to  
66 the City of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County and his unwavering  
67 commitment to the furtherance of good government at the state  
68 and national levels.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
70 presented to Mayor Steven L. Abrams as a tangible token of the  
71 sentiments expressed herein.