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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Mike Martin, Head Coach of the Florida State University Seminoles Baseball Team.

WHEREAS, Michael Martin was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 12, 1944, and

WHEREAS, Mike Martin began his career with the Florida State University Seminoles as starting center fielder in 1965 and 1966, returned in 1975 as assistant coach, and was promoted to Head Baseball Coach in 1979, and

WHEREAS, the Martin-coached FSU baseball team has won more baseball games since 2000 than any other school in the NCAA, and

WHEREAS, Coach Martin has coached 70 players who earned All-America honors, as well as 5 players who were named National Players of the Year, and

WHEREAS, under Coach Martin, FSU has won 15 conference championships, including 11 Metro Conference and 4 Atlantic Coast Conference titles, and

WHEREAS, the FSU baseball team has appeared in the NCAA tournament every year that Coach Martin has been head coach, contributing to a streak of 30 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, and

WHEREAS, the FSU baseball team has traveled to 12 College World Series under Coach Martin, and

WHEREAS, Coach Martin was honored with FSU's prestigious Westcott Award for saving the lives of players and staff when, in 2001, Coach Martin and then-assistant coach Chip Baker safely guided the team's charter bus to the side of a busy San

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29 | Francisco highway after the driver suffered a fatal heart
 30 | attack, and

31 | WHEREAS, Coach Martin has been honored as Atlantic Coast
 32 | Conference Coach of the Year five times, in 1996, 1998, 1999,
 33 | 2001, and 2007, and

34 | WHEREAS, Coach Martin, with a 17-8 win over Georgia Tech on
 35 | March 16, 2008, became only the fourth coach in the history of
 36 | NCAA baseball to achieve 1,500 victories, and

37 | WHEREAS, Coach Martin is the third-winningest coach in
 38 | Division I NCAA baseball history, and

39 | WHEREAS, on January 5, 2007, Coach Mike Martin was inducted
 40 | into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame,
 41 | 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 Florida State University Head Baseball Coach Mike
 47 | Martin is hereby saluted and commended for his great character
 48 | and talent and the achievements which resulted therefrom.

49 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 50 | presented to Coach Mike Martin as a tangible token of the
 51 | sentiments expressed herein.