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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Norman Braman for his philanthropy  
3 on behalf of the people of the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Norman Braman was born August 22, 1932, in West  
6 Chester, Pennsylvania, the son of immigrants from Romania and  
7 Eastern Poland, and

8 WHEREAS, Norman Braman attended the University of Virginia  
9 on a basketball scholarship, sustained a career-ending injury  
10 during his first year, and returned to Philadelphia, where he  
11 graduated from Temple University in 1955 with a bachelor's  
12 degree in marketing, and

13 WHEREAS, following graduation, Norman Braman entered into a  
14 small business with his father-in-law, working days and nights,  
15 until 1969 when, wanting to spend more time with his wife and  
16 two daughters, he sold his interest in the family business and  
17 moved his family to the Miami area, settling in a vibrant Jewish  
18 community, and

19 WHEREAS, by 1975 Norman Braman owned Cadillac dealerships  
20 in Tampa and Miami and continued to succeed with each new  
21 business enterprise, becoming owner of the Philadelphia Eagles  
22 professional football team from 1985-1994, and

23 WHEREAS, Norman Braman is currently the Chief Executive  
24 Officer of Braman Management Association, which operates  
25 numerous car dealerships in Florida and Colorado, and

26 WHEREAS, Norman Braman is one of the original founders, and  
27 for 20 years served as president of the Board of Trustees of,  
28 the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial and was appointed by

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29 President Ronald Reagan in 1983 to serve on the United States  
30 Holocaust Memorial Council, and

31 WHEREAS, Norman Braman has served as President of the  
32 Greater Miami Jewish Federation, which funds a network of more  
33 than 35 local agencies and programs to help meet the needs of  
34 the local Jewish community, and

35 WHEREAS, Norman Braman is a member of the University of  
36 Miami Board of Trustees and also serves on its Executive  
37 Committee, and

38 WHEREAS, in 1995 Norman Braman and his family established  
39 the Braman Family Foundation and in 2002 made a substantial gift  
40 to the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami to  
41 establish the Braman Family Breast Cancer Institute, which  
42 conducts innovative research into the causes and means of  
43 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer, and

44 WHEREAS, Norman Braman was recently instrumental in  
45 securing an \$80 million grant from the Office of Tourism, Trade,  
46 and Economic Development to the Miami Institute of Human  
47 Genomics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine,  
48 and

49 WHEREAS, the Miami Institute of Human Genomics, established  
50 in January 2007, is home to the world's top geneticists, who  
51 conduct leading-edge work in indentifying genetic variants that  
52 underlie common human diseases, and

53 WHEREAS, Norman Braman, over many years, has shown himself  
54 to be a committed philanthropist, donating to causes such as the  
55 I Have a Dream Foundation, the Israel Emergency Fund, the United

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56 Way of Miami-Dade, and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, NOW,  
57 THEREFORE,

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

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62 That the House of Representatives offers sincere thanks to  
63 Norman Braman for his dedicated, unwavering, and continuing  
64 philanthropic activities, which have made a real difference in  
65 the lives of countless Floridians.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
67 presented to Norman Braman as a tangible token of the sentiments  
68 expressed herein.