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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, by 1975 Norman Braman owned automobile dealerships
14 in Tampa and Miami and continued to succeed with each new
15 business enterprise, becoming owner of the Philadelphia Eagles
16 professional football team from 1985-1994, and

17 WHEREAS, Norman Braman is currently the Chief Executive
18 Officer of Braman Management Association, which operates
19 numerous car dealerships in Florida and Colorado, and

20 WHEREAS, Norman Braman is one of the original founders, and
21 for 20 years served as president of the Board of Trustees of,
22 the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial and was appointed by
23 President Ronald Reagan in 1983 to serve on the United States
24 Holocaust Memorial Council, and

25 WHEREAS, Norman Braman has served as President of the
26 Greater Miami Jewish Federation, which funds a network of more
27 than 35 local agencies and programs to help meet the needs of
28 the local Jewish community, and

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29 WHEREAS, Norman Braman is Vice Chair of the Board of
30 Trustees of the University of Miami, and

31 WHEREAS, in 1995 Norman Braman and his family established
32 the Braman Family Foundation and in 2002 made a substantial gift
33 to the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami to
34 establish the Braman Family Breast Cancer Institute, which
35 conducts innovative research into the causes and means of
36 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer, and

37 WHEREAS, Norman Braman was recently instrumental in
38 securing a grant from the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
39 Development to fund the Miami Institute of Human Genomics at the
40 University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and

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

45 WHEREAS, Norman Braman was also instrumental in bringing
46 Art Basel, the world's largest and most prestigious art fair,
47 from Basel, Switzerland, to South Florida, and

48 WHEREAS, Norman Braman and his wife, Irma, have served as
49 Co-Chairs of Art Basel Miami Beach, since its inception in 2002,
50 which has brought considerable economic and cultural benefits to
51 the State of Florida and is now recognized as the premier art
52 fair in the United States, 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.