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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., for his
3 valuable contributions to the residents of the State of
4 Florida and honoring him as one of Florida's great
5 innovators.

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7 WHEREAS, Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., a native of Havana, Cuba,
8 began his professional career working with his family's
9 insurance agency, and later ventured into public relations when
10 he and a group of his friends created Calle Ocho, the world's
11 largest block party, which has evolved into Carnival Miami, and

12 WHEREAS, today, Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., serves as President
13 of Pantín/Beber Silverstein Public Relations, serving national
14 and international clients with his expertise in diversity,
15 business issues, Hispanic affairs, community relations, and
16 education, and

17 WHEREAS, Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., is responsible for creating
18 Cuba Nostalgia, an annual expo of Cuba's rich history, and
19 Merrill Lynch Arteaméricas, a Latin American art exhibition, and

20 WHEREAS, Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., is a member of the
21 Counselors Academy of the Public Relations Society of America,
22 serves as an advisor and honorary board member of the Black
23 Executive Forum, sits on the board of trustees of Goodwill
24 Industries of South Florida, and is on the board of directors of
25 Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida, and has held
26 leadership positions for events such as the Summit of the
27 Americas, Super Bowl XXIII, the Miss Universe Pageant, the 1987
28 Papal visit, and The Breeders Cup, and

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29 WHEREAS, Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., has served on the executive
30 committees of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and the
31 Florida Chamber of Commerce, and

32 WHEREAS, Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., served on the Board of
33 Trustees of Miami Dade Community College and as the chairman of
34 the Board of Trustees of Barry University and is currently a
35 member of the Board of Trustees of Florida State University, and

36 WHEREAS, in 1988, the Miami Herald named Leslie V. Pantín,
37 Jr., as one of 18 private citizens who helped shape Miami and,
38 in 1993, as one of the 100 people to shape South Florida's
39 history, and, in 1998, honored him with its Spirit of Excellence
40 Award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
43 Florida:

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45 That Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., is recognized for his valuable
46 contributions to the residents of the State of Florida and is
47 honored as one of Florida's great innovators.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to Leslie V. Pantín, Jr., as a tangible token of the
50 sentiments expressed herein.