

HR 9047

2011

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Town of Palm Beach for its  
3 2011 Centennial Celebration.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1878, Palm Beach received its name when early  
6 settlers planted coconuts from the shipwrecked cargo ship  
7 Providencia, which ran ashore near the island while en route  
8 from Cuba to Spain, and

9 WHEREAS, in 1893, Henry Flagler, the Standard Oil tycoon  
10 and owner of the Florida East Coast Railway, declared Palm Beach  
11 a "veritable paradise" and began buying acreage across the  
12 island, and

13 WHEREAS, a year later, Mr. Flagler opened the Royal  
14 Poinciana Hotel, which was once the world's largest wooden  
15 structure, and

16 WHEREAS, on April 17, 1911, the Town of Palm Beach was  
17 incorporated and soon began developing long-range plans for the  
18 island's growth and progress, and

19 WHEREAS, today, the Town of Palm Beach is a fully developed  
20 community, world-renowned for its extraordinary beauty, quality  
21 of life, and small-town character, and

22 WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach looks forward to an ever  
23 brighter future as it celebrates its history during the Town of  
24 Palm Beach's Centennial Celebration Weekend, which will be held  
25 April 15-17, 2011, NOW, THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
28 Florida:

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That the Town of Palm Beach is congratulated on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration and its residents are extended best wishes for the continued vitality of their community.