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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and honoring the extraordinary
3 life and achievements of George Steinbrenner.

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5 WHEREAS, George Michael Steinbrenner III was born July 4,
6 1930, in Rocky River, Ohio, graduated from Culver Military
7 Academy, and received his bachelor's degree from Williams
8 College, where he was a member of the varsity track and field
9 team and played halfback on the school's football team, and

10 WHEREAS, following his college graduation, George
11 Steinbrenner served 3 years in the United States Air Force,
12 where he attained the rank of Second Lieutenant, and following
13 his military service earned a master's degree from the Ohio
14 State University, where he also served as a graduate assistant
15 to legendary Buckeye football coach Woody Hayes, and

16 WHEREAS, after several successful business ventures that
17 included purchasing the Kinsman Marine Transit Company, the
18 American Shipping Company, and the Cleveland Pipers of the
19 American Basketball League, George Steinbrenner led a group of
20 investors in purchasing the Yankees from CBS Broadcasting, Inc.,
21 on January 3, 1973, and

22 WHEREAS, George Steinbrenner owned the storied New York
23 Yankees franchise from 1973-2010, resurrecting the franchise
24 from a decade of struggles to add 11 American League pennants
25 and 7 World Series championships to its already staggering 29
26 pennants and 20 World Series titles, and

27 WHEREAS, George Steinbrenner recognized that his one duty
28 to Yankees' fans was to win World Series and, although he

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29 | understood he would be vilified often for his decisions, he took
30 | on that role willingly because he knew all would be forgiven
31 | upon each Yankees' title-clinching victory, and in doing so he
32 | renewed Major League Baseball's greatest dynasty, and

33 | WHEREAS, after moving to Tampa in the early 1970's, George
34 | Steinbrenner began to establish a legacy of community
35 | involvement and charity going far beyond any victory his teams
36 | had on the field, giving millions of dollars and helping raise
37 | millions more for a myriad of causes benefitting the Tampa Bay
38 | area and the State of Florida, and

39 | WHEREAS, George Steinbrenner established the Gold Shield
40 | Foundation with the goal of assisting families of fallen police
41 | officers and firefighters and helping ensure a college education
42 | or vocational training for their widows and children, and

43 | WHEREAS, having seen a need for special care for injured
44 | and sick children, George Steinbrenner donated the Pediatric
45 | Emergency wing of St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, and

46 | WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of education in the
47 | lives of children and the valuable life lessons inherent in
48 | sports, George Steinbrenner donated millions of dollars and
49 | helped raise millions more for causes such as an annual holiday
50 | orchestra concert for at-risk youth, an aquatic center for The
51 | Academy of Holy Names, a state-of-the-art outdoor track for
52 | Sickles High School, and a middle school athletics program for
53 | Hillsborough County, and

54 | WHEREAS, appreciating the great sacrifices of our military
55 | men and women as well as our Florida Highway Patrol, George

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56 Steinbrenner donated funds to build monuments to honor those
57 sacrifices and give aid to their families, and

58 WHEREAS, George Steinbrenner passed away on July 13, 2010,
59 leaving a distinguished legacy of charitable contributions to a
60 grateful community, state, and country, NOW, THEREFORE,

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62 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
63 Florida:

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65 That George Steinbrenner is recognized and honored for his
66 outstanding legacy of philanthropy and lifetime achievements.