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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of Bob  
3 Martinez's inauguration as Florida's 40th Governor.

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5 WHEREAS, born on December 25, 1934, to Serafin and Ida  
6 Carreno Martinez, Bob Martinez was raised in Tampa, where he  
7 attended Tampa Bay Boulevard Elementary School and Thomas  
8 Jefferson High School, and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Martinez earned an undergraduate degree in  
10 Social Science from the University of Tampa in 1957 and a  
11 graduate degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from the  
12 University of Illinois in 1964, and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Martinez began his career in public office in  
14 1979 when he was elected Mayor of Tampa, and while serving his  
15 second term as Mayor, he qualified as a Republican candidate for  
16 Governor in 1986, and

17 WHEREAS, in September of that year, Bob Martinez won the  
18 Republican primary election, and on November 4, 1986, he became  
19 the first Hispanic Governor-elect of Florida, and

20 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1987, Bob Martinez was inaugurated  
21 as Florida's 40th Governor, only the second Republican Governor  
22 since Reconstruction, and served the state with honor and  
23 distinction for four years, and

24 WHEREAS, Governor Martinez's numerous accomplishments  
25 include the creation of the Florida Governor's Commission on  
26 Space, the Florida Turnpike Authority, the Florida Prepaid  
27 College Program, and Preservation 2000, the largest land  
28 acquisition program in the nation, now known as Florida Forever;

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29 | implementation of the state's first comprehensive growth  
30 | management law; establishment of the Florida Lottery; and strong  
31 | advocacy for the establishment of the state's tenth public  
32 | university, Florida Gulf Coast University, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
35 | Florida:

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37 |       That in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his  
38 | inauguration, Governor Bob Martinez, Florida's 40th Governor, is  
39 | extended sincerest gratitude for his dedicated service to the  
40 | citizens of Florida and honored for his indelible positive  
41 | impact on the state as a whole.

42 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
43 | presented to Governor Bob Martinez as a tangible token of the  
44 | sentiments expressed herein.