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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the outstanding public
3 service and lifetime achievements of Doyle E. Conner.

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5 WHEREAS, born in Starke, Florida, on December 17, 1928,
6 Doyle E. Conner was enrolled as a sophomore at the University of
7 Florida when he was elected to the House of Representatives at
8 the age of 21, and

9 WHEREAS, Doyle E. Conner's exemplary service and
10 outstanding leadership abilities were quickly recognized, and in
11 1957, at the age of 28, he was the youngest ever to be elected
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and

13 WHEREAS, on January 2, 1961, Doyle E. Conner was
14 inaugurated as Commissioner of Agriculture, a post at which he
15 served tirelessly, promoting Florida agriculture around the
16 world as co-founder and the first president of the Southern
17 United States Trade Association, establishing himself as a
18 leader in multiple eradication efforts that would later set a
19 worldwide standard in the protection of the industry, and
20 creating the Office of Consumer Services to educate Florida
21 consumers and guard against unfair and deceptive trade
22 practices, and

23 WHEREAS, throughout Doyle E. Conner's tenure as
24 Commissioner of Agriculture, Florida's annual agricultural sales
25 grew from \$900 million in 1961 to \$6.2 billion in 1990, and his
26 30 years of outstanding service came to a close with his well-
27 deserved retirement in January of 1991, and

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28 WHEREAS, Doyle E. Conner passed away on December 16, 2012,
29 leaving a legacy of distinguished public service and leadership,
30 NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 Florida:

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35 That, in memoriam, Doyle E. Conner is recognized and
36 celebrated for his outstanding achievements and invaluable
37 service to the State of Florida and its citizens.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
39 presented to the family of Doyle E. Conner as a tangible token
40 of the sentiments expressed herein.