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2013

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring and recognizing Jack Nicklaus as
3 one of golf's truly great champions.

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5 WHEREAS, as a 10 year old, Jack Nicklaus carded 51 in the
6 first nine holes he ever played, winning the Scioto Club
7 Juvenile Trophy to launch an amateur career that would include
8 numerous Ohio state championships, and

9 WHEREAS, Jack Nicklaus went on to win his first national
10 title, the U.S. National Jaycees Championship, when he was just
11 17 years old, and continued his impressive career by winning the
12 Trans-Mississippi Championship a year later and the U.S. Amateur
13 Championship when he was 19 years old and, in his last year
14 playing as an amateur, again when he was 21 years old, and

15 WHEREAS, born January 21, 1940, in Columbus, Ohio, Jack
16 Nicklaus launched his 41-year professional career in 1962,
17 during which time he would amass a total of 118 victories around
18 the world, rank number 1 in lowest-scoring average eight times,
19 win top money eight times, collect a total of \$5,723,192 in
20 career official tour earnings, shoot 20 holes in one, and claim
21 the most major championship titles in golf history, including 18
22 PGA Tour titles, 8 Champions Tour titles, and 2 Amateur titles,
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Jack Nicklaus has been awarded numerous greatest
25 golfer awards, including six Golfer of the Century awards, three
26 Golfer of the Millennium awards, two Top Male Golfer of the 20th
27 Century awards, the Greatest Golfer of All Time award, and the
28 1993 Golf Course Architect of the Year award, and

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29 WHEREAS, Jack Nicklaus distinguished himself in numerous
30 other golf competitions, including the British and Australian
31 Opens, the World Series of Golf, the World Cup Individual, the
32 Piccadilly World Cup Match Play, and the Ryder Cup, and

33 WHEREAS, Jack Nicklaus has had a significant impact on
34 golfing in the state, taking part in 30 designs and redesigns of
35 Florida golf courses, including the PGA National Champion
36 Course, the home course of the PGA of America, and

37 WHEREAS, known for their involvement in charitable causes,
38 Palm Beach County residents Jack and Barbara Nicklaus, with
39 their family, founded the Nicklaus Children's Health Care
40 Foundation in North Palm Beach, which has raised money to
41 support numerous pediatric health care services in South Florida
42 as well as nationally, and were inducted into the Ambassador
43 David M. Walter International Pediatric Hall of Fame in 2010,
44 NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
47 Florida:

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49 That Jack Nicklaus is honored and recognized as one of
50 golf's truly great champions.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Jack Nicklaus as a tangible token of the sentiments
53 expressed herein.