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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Mark C. Hollis, Sr.

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4 WHEREAS, Mark C. Hollis, Sr., was born and raised in
5 Lakeland and earned a bachelor's degree in management and
6 marketing from Stetson University, a master's degree in business
7 administration from Michigan State University, and honorary
8 doctorates from Stetson University and Florida Southern College,
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10 WHEREAS, embarking at the age of 12 on what would become a
11 60-year career with Publix Super Markets, Inc., Mark Hollis
12 served as store manager, director of personnel, director of
13 warehousing and distribution, and vice president of public
14 relations and public affairs for Publix, and

15 WHEREAS, elected to Publix's board of directors in 1974,
16 Mark Hollis also served as its president from 1984 to 1996, and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis retired from Publix in 1999, but he
18 continued to serve on its board of directors until 2005, when he
19 became director emeritus, and

20 WHEREAS, to further recognize him in the supermarket
21 industry, Mark Hollis received the Sidney R. Rabb Award, the
22 Food Marketing Institute's highest recognition of supermarket
23 industry leaders, and

24 WHEREAS, along with his wife, Lynn, Mark Hollis was an
25 active philanthropist who funded the development of Hollis
26 Gardens for the enjoyment of the people of Lakeland and
27 contributed to many worthy organizations, including Florida

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28 Southern College, Stetson University, All Saints' Academy, and
 29 Lakeland Regional Medical Center, and

30 WHEREAS, Mark C. Hollis, Sr., went to rest with his Lord
 31 and Savior on December 7, 2012, at the age of 78, and is
 32 survived by his sweetheart of 57 years, Lynn; three sons,
 33 Clayton, Jack, and Dean; and 11 grandchildren, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That Mark C. Hollis, Sr., is remembered and honored for his
 39 vital work within the state.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 41 presented to Lynn Hollis as a tangible token of the sentiments
 42 expressed herein.