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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 81st anniversary of the  
3 Village of Biscayne Park.

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5 WHEREAS, in the early 1920s, Arthur Mertlow Griffing began  
6 developing Griffing Biscayne Park Estates and carefully planted  
7 the area with shrubs and trees to create the look and feel of a  
8 botanical garden, and

9 WHEREAS, hoping to attract young families, Mr. Griffing  
10 provided safe environments for children to play near their homes  
11 by creating many cul-de-sacs, and the well-landscaped streets,  
12 medians, and park areas laid out by Mr. Griffing set the stage  
13 for the first homes erected in the development, and

14 WHEREAS, on December 31, 1931, by a vote of its 113  
15 citizens, the Town of Biscayne Park was incorporated, and on  
16 June 16, 1933, a state charter was granted, changing the name of  
17 the town to the Village of Biscayne Park, and

18 WHEREAS, in 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression, the  
19 Federal Emergency Relief Administration provided the labor for  
20 construction of a log cabin, a unique and distinct homage to the  
21 Great Depression as well as to the simplicity and perseverance  
22 of the American frontier, and

23 WHEREAS, the cost to construct the cabin was met by  
24 individual donations which, given the national financial

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25 | hardship at the time, reflected the generosity and commitment to  
26 | community of the residents of the Village of Biscayne Park, and

27 |       WHEREAS, at a special ceremony on January 24, 1935, the  
28 | finished log cabin was officially dedicated to the Village of  
29 | Biscayne Park, and

30 |       WHEREAS, the structure continues to be the center of daily  
31 | operations of the Village of Biscayne Park and its approximately  
32 | 3,000 residents and a proud symbol of the community's humble  
33 | beginnings and continued success, 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 the Village of Biscayne Park and Mayor David Coviello,  
39 | Vice Mayor Barbara Watts, and Commissioners Bob Anderson, Fred  
40 | Jonas, and Roxanna Ross are recognized on the occasion of the  
41 | village's 81st anniversary.