

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Florida Museum of Natural
3 History.

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5 WHEREAS, the Florida Museum of Natural History has
6 contributed to the understanding, preservation, and
7 interpretation of Florida's biological diversity and cultural
8 heritage since 1891 to ensure their survival for future
9 generations, and

10 WHEREAS, the museum's collection of biological,
11 paleontological, and cultural objects is comprised of more than
12 40 million specimens and artifacts, and

13 WHEREAS, in 1917, the museum was designated as the State
14 Museum of Florida, and under s. 1004.56, Florida Statutes, it
15 was named the official repository of specimens and artifacts
16 collected within state bounds, and

17 WHEREAS, the museum was one of the first in Florida to
18 achieve accreditation status in 1973 under the criteria set
19 forth by the American Association of Museums and has maintained
20 its accreditation continuously ever since, and

21 WHEREAS, the Florida Museum of Natural History remains
22 located on the University of Florida campus, where it serves the
23 students and citizens of the state through teaching, research
24 and service, collections acquisition, curation and preservation,
25 exhibits and public outreach programs, research of Native

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26 | American heritage and history, and public understanding of
27 | science through innovative hands-on and web-based interfaces,
28 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 | Florida:

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33 | That the Florida Museum of Natural History is recognized
34 | and commended for more than 100 years of preserving, showcasing,
35 | and instilling respect and appreciation for the biological
36 | richness, cultural heritage, and remarkable diversity of
37 | Florida's history.