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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Honorable Ronald Ray  
3 "Ron" Richmond for his service and contributions to  
4 this nation and the State of Florida.  
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6 WHEREAS, Ronald Ray "Ron" Richmond was born to the late  
7 Herbert and Helen Bjerke Richmond on April 1, 1941, in Linton,  
8 Indiana, and

9 WHEREAS, Ron Richmond attended Florida State University  
10 (FSU) on a basketball scholarship, became a member of the Sigma  
11 Chi Fraternity, and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1962,  
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13 WHEREAS, while serving his country in the United States Air  
14 Force, Ron Richmond met and married Eileen Gomez of Tampa, and

15 WHEREAS, Ron Richmond enrolled in Stetson University  
16 College of Law, where he was a member of the International Legal  
17 Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi and received his Juris Doctor  
18 degree in 1969, and

19 WHEREAS, between 1969 and 1971, Ron and Eileen Richmond had  
20 two sons, Erik Greg Richmond and Ryan Ray Richmond, and Ron  
21 Richmond began practicing law, and

22 WHEREAS, remaining an active alumnus of FSU throughout his  
23 lifetime, Ron Richmond served as a chapter advisor to the Sigma  
24 Chi Fraternity and a member of the Seminole Boosters, and

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25 WHEREAS, the FSU Alumni Association recognized Ron  
26 Richmond's service and dedication to FSU by awarding him the  
27 Circle of Gold in 2000, and

28 WHEREAS, in 1972, Ron Richmond furthered his passion to  
29 serve others by becoming a representative in the Florida House  
30 of Representatives, where he first served House District 37  
31 until 1982 and then, after reapportionment, House District 49  
32 until 1984, and

33 WHEREAS, Representative Richmond was recognized by his  
34 Democratic counterparts, having been appointed to numerous  
35 chairmanships during his tenure, including chairman of the  
36 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Subcommittee and chairman of the  
37 Consumer, Probate, and Family Law Subcommittee, and

38 WHEREAS, between 1982 and 1984, Representative Richmond  
39 served as the House Minority Leader for the Republican party in  
40 the Florida House of Representatives, and

41 WHEREAS, Leader Richmond was awarded several accolades  
42 during his legislative career, including the runner-up for the  
43 Most Effective in Committee in the House award in 1979, the  
44 runner-up for the Most Effective in Debate in the House award in  
45 1981, and the runner-up for the Most Effective Member of the  
46 House award in 1982, and

47 WHEREAS, Leader Richmond passed numerous pieces of  
48 legislation benefiting the state and his constituents, including

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49 | updates to the Florida Evidence Code, and he helped foster a  
 50 | culture and spirit of camaraderie across party lines, and  
 51 |       WHEREAS, following his service in the House of  
 52 | Representatives, Ron Richmond continued his career as a lobbyist  
 53 | and attorney practicing real property and probate law in  
 54 | Tallahassee, and

55 |       WHEREAS, the Honorable Ronald Ray "Ron" Richmond passed  
 56 | away on December 22, 2022, and is survived by his son, Erik, and  
 57 | family, Holly and Quinn; his son, Ryan, and family, Patricia Rae  
 58 | and Rhett; his wife, Sharon Donohue Richmond; his former wife,  
 59 | Eileen Richmond; and his sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Ed  
 60 | Halderman, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 62 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 63 | Florida:

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 65 |       That the House of Representatives recognizes the Honorable  
 66 | Ronald Ray "Ron" Richmond for his service and contributions to  
 67 | this nation and the State of Florida.