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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of Bob
3 Martinez's inauguration as Florida's 40th Governor.

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5 WHEREAS, born on December 25, 1934, to Serafin and Ida
6 Carreno Martinez, Bob Martinez was raised in Tampa, where he
7 attended Tampa Bay Boulevard Elementary School and Thomas
8 Jefferson High School, and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Martinez earned an undergraduate degree in
10 Social Science from the University of Tampa in 1957 and a
11 graduate degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from the
12 University of Illinois in 1964, and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Martinez began his career in public office in
14 1979 when he was elected Mayor of Tampa, and while serving his
15 second term as Mayor, he qualified as a Republican candidate for
16 Governor in 1986, and

17 WHEREAS, in September of that year, Bob Martinez won the
18 Republican primary election, and on November 4, 1986, he became
19 the first Hispanic Governor-elect of Florida, and

20 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1987, Bob Martinez was inaugurated
21 as Florida's 40th Governor, only the second Republican Governor
22 since Reconstruction, and served the state with honor and
23 distinction for four years, and

24 WHEREAS, Governor Martinez's numerous accomplishments
25 include the creation of the Florida Governor's Commission on
26 Space, the Florida Turnpike Authority, the Florida Prepaid
27 College Program, and Preservation 2000, the largest land
28 acquisition program in the nation, now known as Florida Forever;

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29 | implementation of the state's first comprehensive growth
30 | management law; establishment of the Florida Lottery; and strong
31 | advocacy for the establishment of the state's tenth public
32 | university, Florida Gulf Coast University, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 | That in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his
38 | inauguration, Governor Bob Martinez, Florida's 40th Governor, is
39 | extended sincerest gratitude for his dedicated service to the
40 | citizens of Florida and honored for his indelible positive
41 | impact on the state as a whole.

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43 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
44 | presented to Governor Bob Martinez as a tangible token of the
sentiments expressed herein.