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H. RES. 421

Commemorating the city of Delray Beach, Florida, on its 100th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. WEST, and Mr. DEUTCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the city of Delray Beach, Florida, on its
100th anniversary.

Whereas the city of Delray Beach, Florida, will celebrate its Centennial Birthday in 2011 with a series of events culminating in January 2012;

Whereas permanent settlement of the area began in 1894 with the arrival of Michigan Congressman William S. Linton and other settlers who initially named the town Linton;

Whereas in 1894, the first school was established by African-American settlers;

Whereas Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach's main street and commercial center, was first drawn on a plat map of the town in 1895;

Whereas the city and its environs enjoy a long history and rich cultural heritage;

Whereas in 1896, Henry Flagler extended his railway south from West Palm Beach with a stop in what is now known as Delray Beach;

Whereas Japanese pineapple farmers established the Yamato Colony in 1904, making Delray Beach one of Florida's most multicultural cities;

Whereas one of those farmers, George Morikami donated 200 acres for what is now Morikami Park, one of Palm Beach County's top tourist destinations and home to the only museum of Japanese culture in the United States;

Whereas, on October 9, 1911, the town of Delray was incorporated;

Whereas in the 20th century, Delray Beach grew from a farming community into a bustling winter resort;

Whereas the city has long been a seasonal destination or home to countless writers and artists including author Zora Neale Hurston, poet Edna St. Vincent Millay, and cartoonists Fontaine Fox and W.E. Pat Enright;

Whereas the city has nearly 65,000 residents and over 1,000,000 annual visitors; and

Whereas the city's pristine beaches, entertainment centers, economic clout, and livability make it an ideal destination for visitors to and residents in Florida: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the city of Delray Beach and

3 its citizens on 100 years of cityhood; and

1 (2) recognizes and appreciates the significant
2 economic and cultural impact of the city of Delray
3 Beach on the South Florida region and the Nation
4 as a whole.

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