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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring Mayor John Land, the longest-serving  
3 mayor in the State of Florida and the longest-serving  
4 full-time mayor in the United States of America.

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6 WHEREAS, John Land was born in Plant City, moved to Apopka  
7 at a young age, and attended the University of Florida, and

8 WHEREAS, John Land served in the United States Army during  
9 World War II and was a participant in two campaigns in the  
10 European Theater of Operations, and

11 WHEREAS, upon his return from the military, John Land  
12 returned to Apopka, where he went into the manufacturing  
13 business before being elected as Mayor of the City of Apopka in  
14 1949, a position he held from January 1, 1950, to January 1,  
15 1968, and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor John Land was again elected to serve as the  
17 Mayor of the City of Apopka in 1970 and he has continued to  
18 serve the citizens of Apopka ever since, and

19 WHEREAS, among his many honors during his 58 years as the  
20 Mayor of the City of Apopka, Mayor John Land was the recipient  
21 of the 1978 Florida League of Cities' E. Harris Drew Municipal  
22 Officer of the Year award and was declared to be a "State of  
23 Florida Treasure," and

24 WHEREAS, Mayor John Land, the longest-serving mayor in the  
25 State of Florida and the longest-serving full-time mayor in the  
26 United States of America, holds the honor of being the only  
27 elected official in the state who serves on the Board of

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28 | Directors of the Florida League of Cities without appointment or  
29 | election, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 |       That the Florida House of Representatives honors Mayor John  
35 | Land for his many years of public service and for his  
36 | outstanding contributions to the citizens of the City of Apopka.

37 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
38 | presented to Mayor John Land as a tangible token of the  
39 | sentiments expressed herein.