1 House Resolution 2 A resolution commending Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr. 3 WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., was born in Tampa, 4 5 Florida, on August 14, 1933, to parents Ramona and Manuel G. 6 Alvarez, Sr., and 7 WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., grew up in the West 8 Tampa section of the city, was educated in Florida schools, and received his banking degree from Louisiana State 10 University in 1973, and WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., served his country in 11 12 the United States Army and was honorably discharged on April 13 30, 1962, and 14 WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., is married to the 15 former Mary Castellano, and they have two children, Manny III and Lori Jeanine, and four grandchildren, and 16 17 WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., who has made a 18 successful career in banking for 45 years, is now Chairman of 19 the Board of Manufacturers Bank of Florida which he launched 20 11 years ago, and 21 WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., is known for his civic 22 involvement in such organizations as the City of Tampa 23 Advisory Board, the Ybor City State Museum, and the American 24 Cancer Society, and 25 WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., was the Ybor City 26 Chamber of Commerce 1995 Cesar Gonzmart Award recipient in 27 recognition of his tradition of giving, caring, and commitment 28 to the community, as well as for his efforts in preserving the 29 unique cultural aspects of the Ybor City National Historic

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WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., was named Hispanic Man of the Year for 1997 by Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc., for his community work, leadership, and contributions to his industry, and WHEREAS, Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., is a gentleman of gentlemen and a man for all people, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., is hereby recognized and commended for his accomplishments in banking, for his civic involvement, and for his contributions to his community and the State of Florida. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Manuel G. Alvarez, Jr., as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.