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2015

House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring a true academic, Donna Edna
3 Shalala, Ph.D., as she retires from her post as the
4 University of Miami's fifth president after 14 years
5 of service, and recognizing her lifetime achievement
6 as an educator, an administrator, a mentor, and a
7 public servant.

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9 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala was born on February 14, 1941,
10 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Edna Smith and James Abraham Shalala,
11 attended West Tech High School, and graduated with a Bachelor of
12 Arts degree from Western College for Women, and

13 WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1964, Donna Edna Shalala served with
14 the Peace Corps as a volunteer and, in 1970, earned her Ph.D.
15 from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at
16 Syracuse University, and

17 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala began her teaching career at
18 Baruch College in New York and also became a member of the
19 American Federation of Teachers, and

20 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala has held tenured professorships
21 at Columbia University, the City University of New York, and the
22 University of Wisconsin-Madison, and

23 WHEREAS, from 1977 to 1980, Donna Edna Shalala also served
24 as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at
25 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
26 during the Carter Administration, and

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27 WHEREAS, in 1980, Donna Edna Shalala became the 10th
28 president of Hunters College in New York, serving until 1987,
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30 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala became the chancellor of the
31 University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1987, where she was the
32 second woman to lead a major research university and the first
33 woman to be the head of a Big Ten university, serving the
34 university for 6 years, and

35 WHEREAS, from 1993 to 2001, Donna Edna Shalala served as
36 Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Clinton
37 Administration, becoming the longest-tenured secretary in the
38 department's history and the first Arab-American to hold a
39 Cabinet position, and

40 WHEREAS, in 2001, Donna Edna Shalala became the fifth
41 president of the University of Miami, where, in 2001, she
42 launched the "Momentum" fund-raising campaign, which generated
43 \$1.4 billion in donations to the university by the year 2007,
44 the first time a Florida university surpassed the billion-dollar
45 mark in such an endeavor, and

46 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala has worked to expand and
47 improve the quality of education offered at the University of
48 Miami, and

49 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala will have served as the
50 University of Miami's president for 14 years by the time of her
51 retirement, and

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52 WHEREAS, through Donna Edna Shalala's determination and
53 leadership as an educator, administrator, and health care
54 expert, the University of Miami has vaulted to national
55 prominence and is now ranked among the top 50 colleges in the
56 United States by U.S. News & World Report, and

57 WHEREAS, Donna Edna Shalala continues her career at the
58 University of Miami by teaching a class on health care in the
59 spring semester and continuing to serve as an advocate and
60 friend to the students, faculty, and alumni of the University of
61 Miami, and

62 WHEREAS, upon her retirement from the University of Miami,
63 Donna Edna Shalala will be greatly missed by the students,
64 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the university and the
65 Greater Miami community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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67 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
68 Florida:

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70 That we honor true academic Donna Edna Shalala, Ph.D., as
71 she retires from her post as the University of Miami's fifth
72 president and recognize her lifetime achievement as an educator,
73 an administrator, a mentor, and a public servant.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
75 presented to Donna Edna Shalala, Ph.D., as a tangible token of
76 the sentiments expressed herein.