

## House Resolution 983

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Reece of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Harbin of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, and Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Thomas Dean Aaron; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thomas Dean Aaron of Gainesville is a member of the PGA Tour with a long  
3 and distinguished career as a professional golfer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his PGA tour victories, both of which were achieved in his native state, include  
5 the 1970 Atlanta Classic, which he captured by one shot over Dan Sikes; and the 1973  
6 Masters Tournament, where he fired a final round score of 68 to rally from four strokes back  
7 and edge out J.C. Snead by one shot; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his best year for earnings on the PGA Tour was 1972, when he placed ninth on  
9 the official earnings list; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he also achieved a Senior Tour victory in the 1992 Kaanapali Classic and other  
11 victories including the 1960 Western Amateur, 1969 Canadian Open, 1970 ABC Japan vs.  
12 U.S. (individual), and 1972 Lancome Trophy; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was also a member of the 1959 Walker Cup team and the 1969 and 1973  
14 United States Ryder Cup teams; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 2000 at age 63, he became the oldest player ever to make the cut at the  
16 Masters Tournament; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he will play in his last Masters Tournament April 7th through April 10th, 2005.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body recognize Thomas Dean Aaron and congratulate him for his  
20 outstanding career as a professional golfer.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Thomas Dean Aaron.