

House Resolution 47EX

By: Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Bonner of the 73rd, Martin of the 49th, Ballard of the 147th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Robert Lund Hilton and Chris Ann Chapman Hilton; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert Lund and Chris Ann Chapman Hilton have been united in marriage
4 since August 2, 1975, and throughout more than five decades together, they have exemplified
5 the values of faith, family, service, and professional achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1952, Robert Hilton honorably served in the
7 United States Army before returning to Florida State University to complete his education
8 and begin his successful professional career, establishing himself as a respected newspaper
9 professional with the *St. Petersburg Times*, the *Kansas City Star*, and the *Wichita Eagle*; and

10 WHEREAS, following his accomplished career in journalism, he continued serving others
11 as a financial advisor with Raymond James in St. Petersburg until his retirement in 2023; and

12 WHEREAS, Chris Ann Chapman Hilton was born in Columbus, Georgia, in 1953, and she
13 graduated from Florida State University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in marketing,
14 remaining a proud supporter of her alma mater throughout her life; and

15 WHEREAS, after returning to St. Petersburg, Florida, she devoted herself to her family while
16 becoming deeply involved in the civic, cultural, and charitable organizations that strengthen
17 her community; and

18 WHEREAS, her dedication to community service is reflected in her leadership as president
19 of the Stuart Society of the Museum of Fine Arts and chaplain of the Saint Petersburg
20 Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as her longstanding support of
21 numerous local organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, together, Robert and Chris Hilton have raised three sons, Scott, David, and
23 Stephen, and have been blessed with eight grandchildren, whose lives reflect the strong
24 foundation of faith, character, and love established by their family; and

25 WHEREAS, through their enduring partnership and many contributions to their professions,
26 church, and community, Robert and Chris Hilton have earned the admiration and respect of
27 all who know them and serve as an inspiration to others.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Robert Lund and Chris Ann Chapman
30 Hilton for their many contributions on behalf of their community, state, and extended family
31 as well as extend best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Robert Lund and Chris Ann Chapman Hilton.