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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring John W. Walsh.

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4 WHEREAS, born in Arlington, Massachusetts, on February 4,  
5 1949, John W. Walsh attended Norwich University, was a staff  
6 assistant to the United States Senate, served as an Army Ranger,  
7 and served in the United States Army Special Forces Reserve, and

8 WHEREAS, a successful executive and real estate developer,  
9 John W. Walsh was diagnosed in 1989 with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin  
10 Deficiency, a genetic condition that often results in serious  
11 lung disease or liver disease, and

12 WHEREAS, having been diagnosed with a relatively obscure  
13 form of Alpha-1, in 1995 John W. Walsh founded a not-for-profit  
14 Florida corporation to promote research and the development of  
15 new therapies for improving the quality of life for those  
16 diagnosed with the disease, as well a nonprofit health  
17 management company that coordinates services nationwide for  
18 people with Alpha-1 while funding the search for a cure, and

19 WHEREAS, through the leadership of John W. Walsh, Florida  
20 has led the nation in the detection of Alpha-1 and early  
21 intervention and education for Alpha-1 patients, and

22 WHEREAS, in 2004, John W. Walsh founded a COPD foundation  
23 dedicated to education, research, advocacy, and public awareness  
24 regarding chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), giving

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25 | patients and their families, doctors, nurses, and respiratory  
26 | therapists the gift of hope, and

27 |       WHEREAS, John W. Walsh, a true visionary who waged a  
28 | national and international campaign to heighten public awareness  
29 | of lung disease, improve patient care and quality of life, and  
30 | ultimately discover a cure, passed away on March 7, 2017, at the  
31 | age of 68, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 | Florida:

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36 |       That, in memoriam, John W. Walsh is honored as a champion  
37 | for those suffering from lung disease, a visionary in tireless  
38 | pursuit of a cure, and a remarkable public servant who leaves an  
39 | enduring legacy of compassion and dedication.