

By Representative Byrd

House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Brandon High School Eagles Wrestling Team for setting a new national record for consecutive dual-meet wins in American high school athletics.

WHEREAS, on January 17, 1997, the Brandon High School Eagles Wrestling Team defeated A.P. Leto High School by a score of 73-4, which was the 292nd straight dual-meet win for the team, and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1997, the Brandon High School Eagles extended their streak to 293 straight dual-meet wins by defeating Chamberlain Senior High School by a score of 59-14, and

WHEREAS, the victory against A.P. Leto High School tied the national record held by the Amherst, New York Sweet Home High School volleyball team for most consecutive dual-meet wins by any high school team in the United States in any sport, and

WHEREAS, the victory against Chamberlain Senior High School established a new national record, removing Amherst's Sweet Home High School from the national record books, and

WHEREAS, the record had been set by Sweet Home High School over a nine-year period from 1978 to 1987, and

WHEREAS, Brandon High's record-setting streak began in January 1974 under Coach Jim Graves, who retired in 1980 with a record of 97 wins, 11 losses, and one tie, and has continued under the coaching of Russ Cozart, a former coach at Chamberlain, whose dual-meet record at Brandon is 218 wins and no losses, and

1 WHEREAS, the Brandon High School Eagles Wrestling Team
2 won state titles in 1977, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1992,
3 1993, and 1995, and

4 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Brandon High School
5 Eagles Wrestling Team is a source of pride for Brandon High
6 School, for the members of the wrestling team from 1974 to
7 present, for their families, for their community, and for the
8 State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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10 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
11 Florida:

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13 That the House of Representatives congratulates and
14 applauds the Brandon High School Eagles Wrestling Team, its
15 coaches and wrestlers, for their outstanding achievements and
16 in particular for establishing a new national record for
17 consecutive dual-meet wins in American high school athletics.

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