

By Representatives Brennan and Sembler

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Officer William A. Holmes and Judy Deeson for their contributions to their communities and to crime victims.

WHEREAS, the 16th Annual Commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights week will be observed April 13-19, 1997, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General of Florida is paying special tribute to Officer William A. Holmes as the criminal justice officer and Judy Deeson as the victim advocate who have been credited with exceptional performance in their work on behalf of crime victims in their respective communities, and

WHEREAS, Officer William A. Holmes, a police officer with the Pinellas Park Police Department for the past 10 years, has demonstrated understanding and a commitment to the challenge of ending domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, Officer Holmes spends 30 to 35 hours per month volunteering at a spouse abuse shelter and a supervised visitation center assisting victims of domestic violence file for injunctions for protection, training volunteers, and raising public awareness about domestic violence by speaking to community groups, and

WHEREAS, Officer Holmes' desire to give generously of himself and his time is evident in his commitment to helping victims of crime, and

WHEREAS, Judy Deeson, Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Indian River County Sheriff's office, has developed, implemented, and nurtured the Victim Assistance Program with selflessness and dedication, and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Deeson exudes kindness and compassion when  
2 involved in crisis intervention, assisting at a crime scene,  
3 or grief counseling, and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Deeson has developed victim memorials and  
5 ceremonies and spearheaded advocacy groups locally and  
6 statewide, and

7           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the House of  
8 Representatives pause and recognize these two outstanding  
9 individuals for their work with crime victims in Florida, NOW,  
10 THEREFORE,

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

14  
15           That the House of Representatives commends Officer  
16 William A. Holmes and Judy Deeson for their outstanding  
17 contributions to their communities and to crime victims of  
18 this state.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
20 be presented to Officer William A. Holmes and Judy Deeson as a  
21 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31