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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Raines High School
varsity football team for winning the 1997
Class 4A State Championship.

WHEREAS, on the night of December 20, 1997, the William
Marion Raines Senior High School varsity football team
accomplished what no other public high school football team in
Duval County has done since the Florida High School Activities
Association was formed in 1963, and

WHEREAS, Raines won the 1997 Class 4A State
Championship in football by beating Belle Glade Glades Central
32-27 and finishing their season 15-0, and

WHEREAS, in this game, quarterback Mack Frazier set
state championship records for most yards passing (349) and
longest touchdown pass (82), and receiver Maurice Harris set
state championship records for most receiving yards (180) and
longest touchdown pass reception (82), and

WHEREAS, for this season, nine players were named to
the All State team, eleven to the All Area team, five to the
All Conference team, and four to the All District team, and

WHEREAS, in addition, defensive end Corey Brown was
named All Area Defensive Player of the Year, and quarterback
Mack Frazier was named All Conference Offensive Most Valuable
Player of the Year, and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Welton E. Coffey, II, attributes
the team's first football state championship to discipline,
organization, and success in prayer, and

WHEREAS, Coach Coffey praised the team's classroom
success, exemplified by the first 9-week grading period in
which 24 players earned a 3.0 grade point average or better,

1 eighteen of whom were on the A/B honor roll, and one player
2 earned a 4.14 grade point average, and

3 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the Raines
4 High School varsity football team and their coaches, assistant
5 coaches, and cheerleaders be commended for this great
6 accomplishment and stellar example of dedication, hard work,
7 discipline, and teamwork, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the Florida House of Representatives hereby
13 commends the William Marion Raines Senior High School varsity
14 football team for winning the 1997 Class 4A State
15 Championship, and applauds the outstanding efforts of the
16 team's members, coaches, and cheerleaders in making such a
17 superlative season possible.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
19 be presented to the principal of Raines High School as a
20 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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