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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing a visiting Russian delegation engaged in the reform of the health care system in St. Petersburg, Russia.

WHEREAS, during the week of March 16, 1998, the State of Florida will host a distinguished group of visitors from St. Petersburg, Russia, and

WHEREAS, St. Petersburg, Florida, is the Sister City to St. Petersburg, Russia, and

WHEREAS, the delegation is in Florida to meet with The DRB Group of St. Petersburg, Florida, which has a letter of engagement to reform the health care system in St. Petersburg, Russia, and

WHEREAS, while in the Tampa Bay area, the Russian delegation will meet with health officials at the University of South Florida and with the administration of Tampa General Hospital, and

WHEREAS, the Russian delegation's trip to Florida serves a number of purposes; among them, the opportunity to observe modern health care facilities in the State of Florida and consult with experts so that they can compare the health care systems currently in place in St. Petersburg, Russia, with those currently available in Florida and the United States, and

WHEREAS, the visit also affords the opportunity to increase international trade between their city and nation and Florida and the United States, strengthen the sister cities program between St. Petersburg, Russia, and St. Petersburg, Florida, increase goodwill between Russians and Americans, and

1 offer an opportunity to observe the manner in which Florida's
2 public institutions function and serve their citizens, and

3 WHEREAS, in the ongoing, evolving efforts to develop
4 trust between government and business leaders in Russia and
5 the United States, such a visit is of enormous value, and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House
7 of Representatives recognize and welcome the visiting
8 delegation from St. Petersburg, Russia, 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 of the State of
14 Florida hereby recognizes and welcomes the distinguished
15 delegation from St. Petersburg, Russia, engaged in the reform
16 of the health care system in St. Petersburg, Russia.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
18 be presented to the visiting delegation from St. Petersburg,
19 Russia, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
20 herein.

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