

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Barbara Brown, a language
3 arts middle school teacher, as Hillsborough
4 County's 1998 Teacher of the Year.

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6 WHEREAS, Barbara Brown has a master's degree in English
7 from the University of South Florida, is one of 9,730
8 classroom teachers in Hillsborough County, has 23 years of
9 teaching experience, has been nominated as Teacher of the Year
10 in Hillsborough County four times, and this year has been
11 named the 1998 Teacher of the Year, and

12 WHEREAS, Barbara Brown chairs the school improvement
13 team at Middleton Magnet School of Technology and works with
14 the student newspaper and the yearbook, and

15 WHEREAS, Barbara knows what a tremendous amount of
16 power a teacher has in the classroom and credits Medora Brown,
17 her 11th grade English teacher at Robinson High School, with
18 inspiring her to become a teacher who encourages students to
19 let their imaginations run loose, and

20 WHEREAS, in her acceptance speech at the Hillsborough
21 Education Foundation banquet Barbara also thanked Sylvia
22 Kimbell for helping her stay in the teaching profession when
23 she was ready to "throw it in" after the death of her 5-year
24 old son from cancer, and

25 WHEREAS, Principal Charles Dixon at Middleton School
26 recently said, "She's the kind of person who takes a big task
27 and makes it seem simple, makes it seem fun. Her enthusiasm is
28 infectious. She's an all-around great person," NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida:

1 That Barbara Brown is commended for her lifelong
2 dedication to teaching and for being named as Hillsborough
3 County Teacher of the Year for 1998.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
5 be presented to Barbara Brown as a tangible token of the
6 sentiments and good wishes expressed herein.

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