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House Resolution

A resolution urging a recommitment to Florida's system of school improvement and accountability.

WHEREAS, legislation specifying state education goals, which passed with bipartisan support, required the development of a system of school improvement and accountability including standards, measures, reports, definitions of adequate progress, rewards, and guidelines for action, and

WHEREAS, thousands of parents, business people, and community members actively participate in the school improvement process required by the system, which received approval by the State Board of Education in June 1995 and is now viewed as one of the most comprehensive and far reaching in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test was implemented in January 1998, and the Sunshine State Standards, Florida's new kindergarten through grade 12 curriculum guides, are being established in every public school in Florida and include skills that prepare students for success in higher education and in their professional lives, and

WHEREAS, the system already has begun to positively impact the achievement of millions of Florida's public school children and, during the summer of 1998, the State Board of Education will determine action to improve schools consistently identified as low performing, and

WHEREAS, the success of the system requires a steadfast commitment to the principle that all children can and must be successful learners, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
5 deliberations to applaud the efforts of all those whose
6 responsibility it is to successfully educate Florida's
7 children and to recommit themselves to the full implementation
8 and maintenance of the state's system of school improvement
9 and accountability.

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