

By Representative Tamargo

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Sergeant William Rousseau  
3 and the Tampa Police Department.

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5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rousseau, the Domestic Violence  
6 coordinator for the Tampa Police Department, is recognized as  
7 an expert on domestic violence by the United States Department  
8 of Justice, the Florida Governor's Domestic and Sexual  
9 Violence Task Force, and the James Harrell Center for Domestic  
10 Violence at the University of South Florida, and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rousseau created and administers a  
12 three-day Domestic Violence Investigator School in Tampa for  
13 law enforcement, victim advocates, and social service  
14 providers, which school has trained over 600 domestic violence  
15 investigators throughout the state, and

16 WHEREAS, an active member of the Hillsborough County  
17 Domestic Violence Council, Sergeant Rousseau has coordinated a  
18 three-day training conference in Tampa for the United States  
19 Department of Justice, has spoken on domestic violence issues  
20 at C.O.P.S. seminars in Boston, Phoenix, and San Diego, and  
21 has lectured at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Bar  
22 Harbor, Maine, and

23 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rousseau, in conjunction with the  
24 Florida Law Enforcement Research Coalition of Florida State  
25 University, participated in the development of the model law  
26 enforcement policies for domestic and sexual violence and, in  
27 1997, was awarded a S.T.O.P. grant to teach the model policies  
28 to law enforcement officers throughout the state, and

29 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rousseau was honored by the  
30 Hillsborough County Bar Association in 1997 as its "Law  
31 Enforcement Officer of the Year," and, in 1998, he and the

1 Tampa Police Department received the Governor's "Peace At  
2 Home" Award from Governor Lawton Chiles for their outstanding  
3 work in the field of domestic violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
6 Florida:

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8 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
9 deliberations to express its appreciation to Sergeant William  
10 Rousseau and the Tampa Police Department for their  
11 accomplishments in the field of domestic violence.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
13 be presented to Sergeant William Rousseau and to the Tampa  
14 Police Department as a tangible token of the sentiments  
15 expressed herein.

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