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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Tuesday, April 13,
1999, as "Stop Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, violence in America's schools threatens the
core of the educational process and deprives students and
teachers of the opportunity to learn and teach without the
constant presence of fear, and

WHEREAS, "Stop Day" is intended to bring awareness to
and focus on the growing epidemic of student violence and to
offer students an opportunity for self-improvement by rallying
the cry against school-related crime, and

WHEREAS, students are encouraged to recite the "Stop
Day" pledge, which states. "I pledge to be nonviolent and to
respect my fellow classmates. I will report crime or acts of
violence to appropriate officials or call crime stoppers to
report incidents anonymously. I will not let the actions of a
few make my school dangerous or unsafe. I want a safe learning
environment and will work with my fellow students to make it
so!", and

WHEREAS, "Stop Day" participants are encouraged to show
their support by developing anti-violence community service
projects, inviting legal professionals to speak to student
groups, conducting open-ended skits which allow student
observers to predict the outcome based upon real life choices,
developing a process that makes it cool to report school crime
or violence, and/or conducting mock trials, and

WHEREAS, "Stop Day" will give every student in the
State of Florida an opportunity to evaluate this critical
issue and assess his or her role in preventing these

1 unnecessary incidences of crime in order to break this vicious
2 cycle of violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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7 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
8 deliberations to recognize Tuesday, April 13, 1999, as "Stop
9 Day" in the Florida Legislature.

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