

By Representative Byrd

House Resolution

A resolution commending Barrett Keene for winning the Future Farmers of America national extemporaneous speaking competition.

WHEREAS, in November 1998, after victories at the county, district, and state level, Barrett Keene was named the top extemporaneous speaker in the nation by the Future Farmers of America at its national convention in Kansas City, Missouri, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keene was inspired to pursue this goal after watching his friend and former classmate Chris Vitelli win this same award in 1997, and

WHEREAS, this competition requires delivery of a speech just 30 minutes after selecting a topic, a challenge Mr. Keene was able to successfully meet because of his extensive preparation and his impressive speaking ability, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the scholarship, plaque, and cash award he received in the speech competition, Barrett Keene also received the H. O. Sargent Member Award, which honors students who promote diversity within agricultural education, for his work with special education students at Plant City High School, where he is a senior, and

WHEREAS, among his many activities, Barrett Keene serves as President of the Plant City High School and district Future Farmers of America clubs, as Senior Class President, Student Council Treasurer, and Vice President of the Civitan Club, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keene's next goal is to win the prepared speech competition at this year's Future Farmers of America national convention, and his long-range plans include running

1 for national office in that organization and eventually
2 working in the field of agriculture, 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 of the State of
8 Florida hereby congratulates Barrett Keene for winning the
9 national extemporaneous speaking competition held by the
10 Future Farmers of America at its 1998 national convention, and
11 wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
13 be presented to Barrett Keene as a tangible token of the
14 sentiments expressed herein.

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