By Representatives Melvin, Peaden and J. Miller

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Niceville High School.

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WHEREAS, with the words "It is our pleasure to formally announce that the Department of Education and our 1999 cosponsor, The National Association of Secondary School Principals, has selected Niceville High School as a 1999 New American High Schools national showcase site, " Niceville High School principal David Morgan learned that his school was the recipient of a prestigious award from the United States Government, and

WHEREAS, as it becomes more evident that young people must be prepared to become effective citizens, parents, and workers qualified to meet the demands of the global, knowledge-based economy of the twenty-first century, all students of New American High Schools are expected to meet challenging academic standards and to acquire the communication, problem-solving, computer, and technical skills necessary to pursue college educations and careers, and

WHEREAS, realizing that such a goal requires the involvement of more than educators alone, the association encourages schools to form active alliances with parents, employers, community members, and policymakers to promote student learning and ensure accountability for results, and

WHEREAS, impressed with the overall success of improvement efforts made by the school and the commitment of school staff and the community to high levels of student achievement, the review panel chose Niceville High School as one of only 13 high schools in the nation to be so recognized in 1999, an honor that was formally recognized in Washington, 31 D.C., on November 18, 1999, at an awards event headlined by

Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley and The National Association of Secondary School Principals executive director Gerald N. Tirozzi, and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that Niceville High School, its staff, and the community be further commended for the outstanding strides they have made toward preparing their students for life in the new century, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to further recognize and extend heartiest congratulations to Niceville High School as the recipient of the United States Department of Education New American High Schools Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to David Morgan, Principal, Niceville High School, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.