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House Resolution

A resolution saluting the partnership of Allstate Insurance Company, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives in its effort to provide guidelines to young people in the event of an encounter with law enforcement personnel.

WHEREAS, today's media reports detail encounters between law enforcement officials and young people, some of which such meetings, sadly, do not have happy endings, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement is both a difficult and dangerous profession, accounting for the deaths of many officers each year and injuries to thousands more and necessitating intense training that places a great deal of emphasis on personal safety and survival, and

WHEREAS, although most officers of the law adhere to strict standard procedures, in the knowledge that even the most routine stop for a traffic infraction has the potential for danger, they may assume a defensive posture, a stance that can result in a breakdown in communication between law enforcement officials and the public, especially teens and young adults, and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to promote better understanding and mutual respect between the public and those responsible for maintaining law and order, Allstate Insurance Company, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives have joined forces to develop the pamphlet "The Law and You: Guidelines for Interacting with Law Enforcement

1 Officials," which offers suggested procedures in the event of
2 an encounter with a police officer or law enforcement
3 official, 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 takes this
9 opportunity to recognize the collaborative efforts of Allstate
10 Insurance Company, the National Association for the
11 Advancement of Colored People, and the National Organization
12 of Black Law Enforcement Executives in their quest of a most
13 worthy goal and extends its sincere gratitude for the
14 achievement of a job well done.

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