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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Ruckel IB Middle
3 School Knowledge Master team for its
4 outstanding performance in the 1999 Knowledge
5 Master Open academic competition.
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7 WHEREAS, on December 8, 1999, the 45-member Knowledge
8 Master team of Okaloosa County's Ruckel IB Middle School found
9 itself enmeshed in the 33rd annual Knowledge Master Open
10 academic competition, pitted against teams representing
11 approximately 1,200 schools from 20 nations, and

12 WHEREAS, facing their classroom computers and 200 tough
13 questions, their responses judged on both accuracy and speed,
14 the Ruckel students scored 1,643 points out of a possible
15 2,000 in a superb team effort that had combined the skills of
16 members whose individual strengths might lie in math, English,
17 social studies, or science, and

18 WHEREAS, at the close of an intense, rigorous exercise
19 that had witnessed the competing teams vying for top scores,
20 the Ruckel Knowledge Masters had not only won the school's
21 13th consecutive state championship, but had placed fifth
22 internationally, marking the third time that a Ruckel
23 Knowledge Master team had been among the top five
24 international winners, and

25 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Ruckel IB
26 Middle School Knowledge Master team be recognized for its
27 stellar performance in the December 8, 1999, international
28 Knowledge Master Open academic competition, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
2 deliberations to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of
3 the 45 members of the Ruckel IB Middle School Knowledge Master
4 team and to congratulate them, along with their academic
5 coach, Sherri Houp, for the splendid team effort that led to
6 the school's 13th state championship and its third-time
7 ranking among the top five international teams.
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