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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Tuesday, April 11, 2000, 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 11, 2000, as "Stop
9 Day" in the Florida Legislature.

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