

By Representative Starks

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the accomplishments of
3 Eldrick "Tiger" Woods.4
5 WHEREAS, since his entry into the world of professional
6 golf in 1996, Tiger Woods has won 22 tournaments, 16 of those
7 tournaments on the PGA Tour, including the 1999 PGA
8 Championship and the 1997 Masters Tournament, and9 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods had one of the greatest seasons in
10 PGA Tour history in 1999, earning a tour record of \$6,616,585,
11 nearly \$3 million more than his nearest competitor, and12 WHEREAS, in 1999, Tiger Woods was the first golfer to
13 have eight PGA Tour victories in one year since Johnny Miller
14 won eight tournaments in 1974, a total that has been equaled
15 only six times and exceeded only five times, and16 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods won four consecutive PGA Tour
17 events to end 1999, and started 2000 with two more consecutive
18 PGA Tour victories in the Mercedes Championships and the
19 Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, tying Ben Hogan's record of six
20 wins in a row in 1948 and establishing one of the longest
21 winning streaks in professional golf history, second only to
22 Byron Nelson's 11 consecutive wins in 1945, and23 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods had 16 top-ten finishes in 21
24 starts on the 1999 PGA Tour and missed no 36-hole cuts,
25 extending his streak to 39 consecutive events, and26 WHEREAS, in addition to the 1999 PGA Championship,
27 Tiger Woods won the Buick Invitational, the Memorial
28 Tournament, the Motorola Western Open, the WGC NEC
29 Invitational, the National Car Rental Classic, the Tour
30 Championship, and the WGC American Express Championship on the
31 PGA Tour, won the Deutsche Bank-SAP Open on the PGA European

1 Tour, and, with Mark O'Meara, won the World Cup individual
2 team title, and

3 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods has set records for the most
4 victories for a golfer of his age and number of years as a
5 professional with 21 professional victories at age 23, and

6 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods had 11 victories overall in 1999,
7 the most for any professional golfer of his age in one year
8 since Horton Smith had eight PGA Tour victories in 1929 at age
9 21, and

10 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods' two professional major
11 championships and three U.S. Amateur titles brought his total
12 to five major championships at age 23, the same total as Jack
13 Nicklaus at that age, and

14 WHEREAS, including an eleventh victory in the PGA Grand
15 Slam, Tiger Woods' 1999 worldwide earnings were \$7,681,625,
16 and his career earnings to date are \$14,641,832, including
17 \$11,837,129 on the PGA Tour, and

18 WHEREAS, among the honors received by Tiger Woods in
19 1999 were the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year, the
20 Jack Nicklaus Award for the Player of the Year as selected by
21 the PGA Tour, and player of the year designation by PGA of
22 America and the Golf Writers Association of America, and

23 WHEREAS, Tiger Woods' adjusted scoring average in 1999
24 of 68.43 strokes was the lowest scoring average on record and
25 earned Tiger Woods the Byron Nelson Award on the PGA Tour and
26 the Vardon Trophy from the PGA of America, and

27 WHEREAS, the Tiger Woods Foundation supports the First
28 Tee Program to make golf accessible and affordable for
29 children, especially minority and inner city children, with
30 programs being developed in Jacksonville, Hollywood, and Palm
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1 Beach, and in St. Johns County, with the intent to expand the
2 First Tee Program across the state, and

3 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House
4 of Representatives recognize Eldrick "Tiger" Woods for his
5 numerous outstanding accomplishments, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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10 That the House of Representatives of the State of
11 Florida hereby applauds Eldrick "Tiger" Woods for his
12 inspirational accomplishments in the world of professional
13 sports and recognizes him as the preeminent professional
14 golfer in the world today and an inspiring standard for
15 athletes, minorities, and the youth of the world.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
17 be presented to Tiger Woods as a tangible token of the
18 sentiments expressed herein.

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