

By Representative Starks

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending Pete Sampras for his
3 accomplishments.

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5 WHEREAS, Pete Sampras is the only tennis player in
6 history to finish a year (1998) as the number one player in
7 the world for a record total of six consecutive years and be
8 ranked as the number one player in the world for a record
9 total of 276 weeks, and

10 WHEREAS, Pete Sampras has earned many honors during his
11 remarkable career, including being voted as the ATP Tour
12 Player of the Century, ESPN Male Tennis Player of the Decade,
13 Best Male Tennis Player for the past 25 years in 1997 by
14 current and past players and the media, and the Greatest
15 Player of the 20th Century by Tennis Magazine in 1999, and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to his many other awards and
17 honors, Pete Sampras has won 12 Grand Slam victories which
18 tied Roy Emerson's mark of 12 major titles, he has won six
19 Wimbledon titles, the most titles won in the 20th century and
20 only one short of Willie Renshaw's record seven victories, and
21 he is the only tennis player to qualify every year for the
22 annual ATP Tour Singles Championship since the event was first
23 introduced, and

24 WHEREAS, Pete Sampras tops the list of the most singles
25 titles won in all current active ATP Tour players, and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House
27 of Representatives of the State of Florida commend Pete
28 Sampras for his many accomplishments in the game of tennis,
29 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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4 That the House of Representatives hereby commends Pete
5 Sampras for his many accomplishments in the field of tennis
6 and wishes him continued success as the number one tennis
7 player in the world.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
9 be presented to Pete Sampras as a tangible token of the
10 sentiments expressed herein.

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