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House Resolution

A resolution commending The James Madison
Institute: A Foundation for Florida's Future.

WHEREAS, due to term limits, the General Election of
2000 saw the arrival of an unprecedented number of new members
to the Florida House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, Tom Feeney, Speaker of the Florida House of
Representatives, held the vision that the one best way to
provide the newly elected members with the information they
would need to be effective was to devote a significant amount
of time early in their term to a comprehensive,
information-based orientation, and

WHEREAS, Speaker Feeney asked The James Madison
Institute: A Foundation for Florida's Future to assist him in
realizing his vision by coordinating such a program, and

WHEREAS, The James Madison Institute responded with
enthusiasm and developed "Leadership NOW," a bipartisan,
multi-philosophical ten-day series of orientation panels,
informational sessions, and associated activities spread over
five weeks during the months of November and December 2000 and
January 2001, and

WHEREAS, such a program was unprecedented in Florida
and in the nation at large and, as executed, met with the
approval of all concerned, most especially the newly elected
members of the House of Representatives who were the primary
beneficiaries, and

WHEREAS, the five weeks of the Leadership NOW program
were produced using little public money and, as a result, the
cost to taxpayers was less than the amount spent in Florida in

1 previous years for shorter programs with less content, NOW,
2 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 Speaker Tom Feeney and Members of the Florida
8 House of Representatives herewith express their deep
9 appreciation to The James Madison Institute and its officers
10 and staff: The Honorable Mallory E. Horne, Chairman; Edwin H.
11 Moore, President; Dr. J. Stanley Marshall, Founding Chairman;
12 Dr. Peter Doherty; Dr. Kimble Ainslie; Sonja Woodham;
13 Evelverlon Johnson; Susan Christian; and Rosemary Dupras for
14 undertaking and successfully executing the responsibilities of
15 producing Leadership NOW.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
17 be presented to the officers and staff of The James Madison
18 Institute who produced Leadership NOW as a tangible token of
19 the sentiments expressed herein.

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