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House Resolution

A resolution proclaiming September 2001 as Take  
Your Dad to School Month in Florida.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education published a study in 1998 entitled "Fathers' Involvement in Their Children's Schools," which revealed that children whose fathers participate in their school activities, as compared to their peers whose fathers do not, are more likely to have higher test scores, better academic and attendance records, and fewer behavior problems, and

WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of two supportive parents, even if their parents are separated, are less likely to live in poverty, are less likely to drop out of school, are less likely to become involved in delinquent behavior, are at lower risk for teen pregnancy, and are less likely to become involved in an abusive relationship, and

WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of a healthy, active relationship with their fathers are more likely to be well-adjusted in adolescence and adulthood, and

WHEREAS, fathers are increasingly being encouraged by all segments of society to take an active part in their children's activities, and

WHEREAS, children whose fathers are not present benefit from a relationship with nurturing and actively involved father figures, such as grandfathers, uncles, Big Brothers, and mentors, and such men are increasingly taking an active role in the lives of children whose biological fathers are absent, and

1           WHEREAS, men who are involved with their children feel  
2 better about themselves and have greater success in their  
3 careers and lives, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
6 Florida:  
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8           That September 2001 is hereby proclaimed Take Your Dad  
9 to School Month in Florida, and the House of Representatives  
10 extends best wishes to all children and their fathers for a  
11 most enjoyable adventure.  
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