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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Miami Edison Senior High School girls' basketball team for winning the State Class 6A Championship on March 3, 2001.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Public Schools have won only three of the previous 12 Final Four Championships since the girls' state championships began in 1976, and

WHEREAS, the Red Raiders of Miami Edison Senior High School, who last won the state championship in 1995, were defeated in the final round of the state championship only 1 year ago by the Bears of Winter Springs Senior High School, and

WHEREAS, the eight seniors on the team, including Chanyekeson Ambroise, Rochelle Brown, Linda Christian, Gerline Guillaume, Carline Ofelus, Micheline Philogene, Lucila Simon, Scholanda Dorrell, who was the team's leading scorer, and Florence Williams, who was the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and their underclass teammates, including Nicolea Coley, Nadage Dareus, Kalondra McKenzie, Earnasha Houston, and Sylvia Fowles, who is the only woman in Florida's history to attempt a dunk in a state championship game, were especially anxious to do well in the tournament, as the Bears of Winter Springs were attempting to become only the sixth school in state history to win three state championships, and

WHEREAS, the Edison High Red Raiders made their fourth Final Four appearance within the past 7 years under the leadership of Coach Denise Novak, and captured their second state championship in a thrilling 65-to-56 victory over the

1 Bears of Winter Springs before 745 fans at the Lakeland
2 Center, 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 commends the Red
8 Raiders girls' basketball team of Miami Edison Senior High
9 School for winning the State Class 6A Championship.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
11 be presented to Coach Denise Novak and each team member as a
12 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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