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House Resolution

A resolution designating the week of August 4-10, 2002, as "Youth Appreciation Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, each year the nation observes special days devoted to honoring its mothers, fathers, and grandparents, and there is even a day on which national attention is riveted on the activities of a temperamental groundhog and another during which our thoughts are turned toward the antics of the illusive Wee Folk from Ireland, and

WHEREAS, each year there are untold numbers of children and youth throughout the United States who make remarkable and all-too-often unrecognized contributions toward improving and enriching the lives of others, be they families and friends, neighbors, or total strangers who are in need, and

WHEREAS, sadly, it appears to be the tendency of today's society to focus on the negative actions of a comparatively few of the nation's children, while the worthy accomplishments of the majority go largely unnoticed, and

WHEREAS, whether through organized projects designed to befriend and encourage the elderly, honor the country's veterans, increase public awareness of the value of each person's vote, or protect and improve the environment, or whether by individual acts of perseverance and courage, America's youngsters contribute mightily toward the well-being and stability of the nation to which they will one day fall heir and for which they will have the responsibility to honor, maintain, and protect, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this segment of our national treasure, America's children and youth, be

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recognized with utmost gratitude for their contributions to 1 the lives of the citizens and residents of this state, the 3 United States, and indeed the entire world, NOW, THEREFORE, 4 5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 6 Florida: 7 8 That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to pay tribute to the nation's young people and 9 10 to designate the week of August 4-10, 2002, as "Youth Appreciation Week" in Florida, a time in which the adult 11 population is encouraged to demonstrate its sincere 12 13 appreciation for the consistent day-to-day actions of our 14 youth as well as for the occasional heroic effort that 15 captures the attention of the entire state and nation. 16 17 18 19 20