

By Representatives Joyner, Cusack, Wilson, Peterman,  
Bendross-Mindingall, Smith, Brutus, Meadows, Jennings,  
Bullard, Siplin, Richardson, Fields and Holloway

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending Jarvarious Jones and  
3 Oscar Carter.

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5 WHEREAS, February 13, 2002, was just an ordinary day  
6 for Jarvarious Jones and Oscar Carter when the two friends met  
7 at the bus stop on their way to school that morning, and

8 WHEREAS, alert and observant, the 13-year-old Greco  
9 Middle School students succumbed to curiosity aroused by the  
10 sight of a plastic bag lying on the ground near them and,  
11 looking inside, were astounded to discover five envelopes,  
12 each stuffed with \$100 bills, and

13 WHEREAS, although each boy has since admitted to  
14 entertaining thoughts of purchases that could be made by such  
15 an obviously huge, yet at that time undetermined, amount of  
16 money, by the time they reached the school grounds the boys  
17 knew what they had to do, because, as Jarvarious explained,  
18 "my mom brought me up to be honest," and their decision led  
19 them to the office of an astonished Patricia Cooper, their  
20 assistant principal, who counted the bills and found them to  
21 total \$4,000, and

22 WHEREAS, as news of the boys' actions spread,  
23 Jarvarious and Oscar were featured on CNN, received  
24 invitations, tributes, and honors, including those extended by  
25 the Hillsborough County School Board and the state attorney,  
26 took a telephone call from Governor Jeb Bush, and found  
27 themselves inundated with praise and congratulations as gifts  
28 and contributions began to pour in from all over the country,  
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30 WHEREAS, February 13, 2002, was just an ordinary day  
31 for Jarvarious Jones and Oscar Carter until the deeds of these

1 extraordinary boys caught the attention of an admiring nation  
2 and became a splendid example of integrity and honesty that  
3 could well be emulated in the lives of young people and adults  
4 alike, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
7 Florida:

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9           That the House of Representatives proudly recognizes  
10 Jarvarious Jones and Oscar Carter, commends them for their  
11 outstanding behavior in the face of intense pressure to ignore  
12 their upbringing, and lifts them up as an example of integrity  
13 and honesty more than worthy of imitation by all.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
15 be presented to Jarvarious Jones and to Oscar Carter as a  
16 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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