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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made their debut in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, and the entire Tampa Bay area 27 years ago, and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers' first draft pick ever was Lee Roy Selmon, now Athletic Director at the University of South Florida and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, serving as a harbinger of things to come for the Buccaneers, and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have subsequently recruited a substantial number of outstanding players and coaches, reaching the conference championships in 1979 against the Los Angeles Rams and again in 1999 against the St. Louis Rams, and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Buccaneers, having won the National Football Conference Division playoff against the San Francisco 49ers in Tampa on January 12, 2003, by a score of 31-6 and the NFC Championship in the last game ever played at Veterans' Stadium in Philadelphia on January 19 by a score of 27-10, have transformed the region into fervent "Bucs Believers" and have united the entire area, and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers boast the number-one overall defense in the National Football League and scored more points than the Oakland team's number-one overall offense on the fateful evening of January 26, and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers went on to a decisive win in Super Bowl XXXVII in San Diego against the Oakland Raiders on January 26, 2003, by a score of 48-21, showing total domination



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30 throughout the game and becoming the World Champions, NOW,
31 THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 Florida:

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36 That the House of Representatives salutes the Tampa Bay
37 Buccaneers for acquiring the best record in the National
38 Football League this season, for winning Super Bowl XXXVII and
39 the world championship in such a magnificent manner, for
40 galvanizing, igniting, and uniting the region, and for focusing
41 the eyes of the world on the Tampa Bay area.

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
44 presented to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a tangible token of the
sentiments expressed herein.