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House Resolution

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2 A resolution paying tribute to Representative Carey L.
3 Baker.

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5 WHEREAS, at the convening, on this 4th day of March 2003,
6 of the 105th Regular Session since Statehood in 1845, the
7 absence of State Representative Carey L. Baker of District 25
8 will be duly noted while he is sacrificing his time for the good
9 of his native state and country, and

10 WHEREAS, in the year 2000, following in the footsteps of
11 his father, former State Representative Leighton L. Baker, Carey
12 L. Baker sought and won the privilege of representing his
13 constituency in the Florida Legislature, and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Baker's leadership and personality
15 will be missed as the 105th Legislature convenes while he places
16 on hold his legislative career and family time to fight to
17 preserve the freedoms that ultimately allow this Body to meet,
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19 WHEREAS, Representative Baker has served his state and
20 nation for 22 years as a citizen soldier, having enlisted in the
21 Florida Army National Guard in 1981, and has successfully
22 balanced his military service with his devotion to family and
23 community, and

24 WHEREAS, in light of the growing threat of terrorism upon
25 the citizens of the United States, Representative Baker asked
26 for and received permission to be excused from active
27 participation in the 2003 Regular Session and, as First Sergeant
28 Carey L. Baker, is currently assigned to the Middle East as part
29 of the 124th Infantry Division, and



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30 WHEREAS, Representative Baker was married to his lovely
31 wife, Lori, in 1997, and although he is separated by a distance
32 of thousands of miles from his wife and their infant son,
33 Leighton, the family will be united in thoughts and prayers as
34 they observe the sixth anniversary of their wedding on March 8,
35 2003, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Florida:

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40 That the Florida House of Representatives is honored to
41 take advantage of this occasion to pay tribute to State
42 Representative Carey L. Baker and to commend him for his
43 sacrificial service to his state and nation.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
45 presented to Lori Baker as a tangible token of the sentiments
46 expressed herein and as evidence of the sincere gratitude
47 accorded her for the sacrifices she is making for her country,
48 state, and family, and with the added assurance that the Members
49 of this Body extend to her their warmest congratulations on the
50 occasion of her sixth wedding anniversary and on the birth of
51 her infant son, Leighton.