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House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the Mandarin Athletic Association
3 Wildcats.

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5 WHEREAS, the Mandarin Athletic Association Wildcats
6 finished their 2002 season with a 15-0 record, to become the top
7 Pop Warner Junior Midget Division football team in the nation,
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9 WHEREAS, at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando on
10 December 14, the Mandarin Wildcats won the national championship
11 in a convincing 30-16 victory over the Palo Alto, California,
12 Knights, and

13 WHEREAS, after completing an 8-0 regular season in the
14 Greater Jacksonville Pop Warner Conference, the 23-member hard-
15 fighting team of 12 and 13 year olds marched steadily on to the
16 Southeast Regional championship game and from there to the
17 national tournament that proved them the nation's championship
18 team, and

19 WHEREAS, Wildcats head coach Scott Hughes credits the
20 winning season to the team spirit of the players, noting that in
21 every game a different person seemed to step up and take
22 advantage of a particular opportunity as it was presented, NOW,
23 THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
26 Florida:

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28 That it is with great pride that the Members of the House
29 of Representatives congratulate the Mandarin Athletic
30 Association Wildcats National Champions and recognize their



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31 drive and hard work, the leadership of their coaches, and the
32 backing of their supporting members.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
34 presented to head coach Scott Hughes, to each assistant coach,
35 and to each member of the Mandarin Athletic Association Wildcats
36 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.