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House Resolution

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2 A resolution proclaiming September 2003 as Take Your Dad
3 to School Month in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education
6 published a study in 1998 entitled "Fathers' Involvement in
7 Their Children's Schools" which revealed that children whose
8 fathers participate in their school activities, as compared to
9 their peers whose fathers do not, are more likely to have higher
10 test scores, better academic and attendance records, and fewer
11 behavior problems, and

12 WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of two supportive
13 parents, even if their parents are separated, are less likely to
14 live in poverty, are less likely to drop out of school, are less
15 likely to become involved in delinquent behavior, are less
16 likely to become involved in an abusive relationship, and are at
17 lower risk for teen pregnancy, and

18 WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of a healthy, active
19 relationship with their fathers are more likely to be well-
20 adjusted in adolescence and adulthood, and

21 WHEREAS, fathers are increasingly being encouraged by all
22 segments of society to take an active part in their children's
23 activities, and

24 WHEREAS, children whose fathers are not present benefit
25 from a relationship with nurturing, actively involved father
26 figures such as a grandfathers, uncles, Big Brothers, and
27 mentors, and such men are increasingly taking an active role in
28 the lives of children whose biological fathers are absent, and

29 WHEREAS, men who are involved with their children feel
30 better about themselves and have greater success in their



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31 careers and lives, NOW, 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 September 2003 is hereby proclaimed Take Your Dad to
37 School Month in Florida, and the House of Representatives extends
38 best wishes to all children and their fathers for a most enjoyable
39 adventure.