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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring the United States Coast Guard and  
3 the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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5 WHEREAS, Operation ON GUARD is a national campaign  
6 originating in the State of Florida that provides a means for  
7 the American public to have an active part in the fight against  
8 terrorism on the domestic front, and

9 WHEREAS, an initiative employing the joint efforts of the  
10 Department of Homeland Security and the United States Coast  
11 Guard, Customs Service, and Immigration and Naturalization  
12 Service, as well as other national, state, and local agencies,  
13 Operation ON GUARD seeks to enlist the aid of workers in the  
14 maritime industry, recreational boaters, commercial fishermen,  
15 and other waterfront users to detect and report suspicious  
16 activity that may be a threat to America's security at home, and

17 WHEREAS, characterized as being similar to the coast watch  
18 programs of World War II and neighborhood crime watch programs  
19 that have been successfully employed throughout the nation for  
20 more than 40 years, Operation ON GUARD suggests the criteria for  
21 detecting suspicious or unusual activity and provides the  
22 avenues for reporting such activity, and

23 WHEREAS, this partnership formed by federal, state, and  
24 local agencies, private industry, and the American public is a  
25 key factor in guarding the nation's coastline and protecting its  
26 native soil, and

27 WHEREAS, in the South Florida area, the United States Coast  
28 Guard Auxiliary has been given the primary responsibility for  
29 mounting the necessary Operation ON GUARD uniformed presence and



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30 creating public outreach patrols by boat or car or on foot, as  
31 appropriate, 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 the House of Representatives salutes the efforts of  
37 Operation ON GUARD and pays special honor to the members of the  
38 United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for the  
39 work they are doing to protect the coasts of America from  
40 terrorism.