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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 22-28, 2003, as "Florida American Legion Boys State Week."

WHEREAS, in a move to combat Fascism's attempt to supplant Democracy and other competing forms of government, and believing then, as now, that a program that employs active participation would best demonstrate to American youth the superiority of Democracy to any other form of government, the American Legion created "Boys State" in 1934 and, with the exception of four years during World War II, has sponsored the program every year since 1940, and

WHEREAS, stressing the responsibility of the individual for the character and success of government, the American Legion, Department of Florida, currently conducts its one-week comprehensive leadership course each June on the Florida State University campus, where more than 525 students participate in the state and local governments of a mythical 51st state and thereby gain a better perspective of the practical operation of government, and

WHEREAS, in excess of 28,000 high school juniors have attended Florida Boys State during its six decades of existence, and many former Boys Staters have become community, state, and national leaders, with at least 20 percent of the cadets at the military academies of our nation having been participants in Boys State or Girls State, and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer staff that conducts the program continues the observance of such traditions as advancing the American flag, praying and having devotions, and singing



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30 patriotic songs and holds a memorial service to honor those who  
31 have served our great country, 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 considers it an honor to  
37 recognize the week of June 22-28, 2003, as "Florida American  
38 Legion Boys State Week" in observance of the 60th Anniversary of  
39 Florida American Legion Boys State.

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
42 presented to the Florida American Legion as a tangible token of  
the sentiments expressed herein.