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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Mrs. Marcia Stone.

WHEREAS, Marcia Stone has been a beloved teacher at Miami's Village Green Elementary School for 35 years, having begun her outstanding career in education with the opening of the school's doors in 1963, and

WHEREAS, although qualified by a bachelors degree in elementary education from the University of Miami and a masters degree in computer education from Barry University, it is her inherent love for children, her desire to share knowledge and foster creativity in her students, and her ability to encourage, motivate, and instill in them confidence to succeed that makes Mrs. Stone a teacher in the truest sense of the word, and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous recognitions and awards, this 2002 Village Green Elementary Teacher of the Year treasures most dearly the smile of a child she's teaching, the light in eyes that suddenly grasp an illusive concept, the "thank you" of a former student, or the warmth in the voice of one who proudly introduces her with the words "she was my teacher," and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stone has given of her time and energy to many organizations and causes, both within and outside the school system, a very few of which include her participation as a valued member of the Parent Teachers Association during her entire tenure at Village Green Elementary, her efforts in fundraising and as sponsor of various activities, her meetings with countless parents in groups as well as singly in order to help them help their children, and as a participant in associations that lend their support to schools and hospitals worldwide, and



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31 WHEREAS, after more than three decades of devoting her life
32 to two generations of students, Marcia Stone has elected to
33 retire following the graduation of the 2003 Fifth Grade Class of
34 Village Green Elementary School, a move that will surely leave a
35 monumental void in the lives of students, parents, teachers, and
36 staff who have been blessed by her presence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That the House of Representatives is pleased to recognize
42 the magnificent accomplishments of one of Florida's most notable
43 citizens and extends its sincerest congratulations and best
44 wishes to Mrs. Marcia Stone on the occasion of her retirement.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to Marcia Stone as a tangible token of the sentiments
47 expressed herein.