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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Ocala Blaze Division I

Amateur Athletic Union national champions.

WHEREAS, the Ocala Blaze, an Amateur Athletic Union league baseball team of 10-year-old neighborhood kids from various parks throughout Ocala, capped a week of heavy competition at Iowa's Des Moines Beaverdale Complex by walking away with the Division I national championship, and

WHEREAS, in a stunning display of teamwork, sportsmanship, and hard play, the 13 members of Ocala Blaze compiled a 7-2 record as they outscored their opponents 62-15 over the 9-game span, and

WHEREAS, not unaccustomed to victory, the Ocala Blaze, since winning the 2002 Amateur Athletic Union Fall Brawl championship title, has amassed an impressive list of accomplishments, including its latest award, the 2003 AAU Team Sportsmanship Award/National Tournament, and

WHEREAS, sporting smiles matched only by those on the faces of their parents and coaches, the Division I national champions are Josh Grisham, Alex Carrasco, A.J. Mazzurco, Michael Sullivan, Michael Ramsey, Brandon Bonilla, Sean Plunkett, Lance Roberts, Zack Espenship, Andrew McNett, Michael Stickley, Christian Ryan, and Trent Meyers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the members of the Ocala Blaze baseball team, along with Manager Chris Ramsey and Coaches Ivan Bonilla, Michael Mazzurco, and Brent McNett, are recognized with great admiration and pride and are congratulated upon their having earned the 2003 Amateur Athletic Union national championship title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to each member of the Ocala Blaze, their manager, and their coaches as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.