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America City Awards for 2003, and

A resolution congratulating the City of Miami Beach, All-America City.

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2003, at an impressive ceremony held in Washington, D.C., Miami Beach was chosen from among a list of 30 finalists nationwide to receive one of the 10 coveted All-

WHEREAS, the All-America City Award, a 54-year-old program of the National Civic League, annually honors 10 communities deemed to best exemplify the spirit of grassroots citizen involvement and cross-sector collaborative problem solving, and

WHEREAS, introduced by the chair of the All-America City
Jury as a community that "embraced diversity and embraced
cultural cooperation," Miami Beach was judged on its projects
"Neighborhood Services," which works to improve neighborhood
assets, help residents access city resources, and identify
community needs; "Planned Progress," a coalition of concerned
residents, community organizations, and city government that
promoted the issuance of bonds with which to fund capital
improvements currently being implemented in each of the city's
13 neighborhoods; and the "Truancy Intervention Program," or
"TIP," a collaborative effort by the city, county, public
schools, state attorney's office, and community-based agencies
to identify and provide early intervention services to youth at
risk of school failure and truancy, and

WHEREAS, in applauding the City of Miami Beach for having joined the ranks of nearly 500 American communities that have been recognized since 1949 as having exhibited extraordinary

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ingenuity, collaboration, and positive results, it is fitting to endorse the sentiments of the president of the National Civil

League that these cities, symbolizing the best of the nation, serve as an inspiration to communities across the United States that are facing similar challenges, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City of Miami Beach is proudly acknowledged as a recipient of the prestigious All-America City Award and is extended sincere gratitude and hearty congratulations for the efforts and accomplishments that have led to this well-merited recognition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to David Dermer, Mayor of the City of Miami Beach, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.