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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution endorsing the recommendation that the 2005
3 Super Bowl halftime show honor "America's Greatest
4 Generation."

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6 WHEREAS, on February 6, 2005, Super Bowl XXXIX will take
7 place in Florida, almost 60 years following the end of a war
8 fought and supported by men and women who have been aptly
9 labeled "America's Greatest Generation," and

10 WHEREAS, this generation, which was predominantly born in
11 the 1920's and grew up during the Great Depression, joined in a
12 magnificent effort to help preserve world freedom from the
13 greatest threat it had ever faced, after the war helped build
14 the most prosperous nation in the world, and is now passing away
15 at the rate of more than 1,500 individuals a day, and

16 WHEREAS, with a view toward "honoring the Greatest
17 Generation before it is too late," it is suggested that a unique
18 opportunity has arisen to recognize these American heroes
19 through a timely and fitting thematic tribute during the 2005
20 Super Bowl halftime show, and it is further suggested that such
21 a theme could be presented with a pregame flyover by WWII
22 vintage aircraft, followed by a halftime patriotic musical
23 salute, perhaps against a backdrop of a 1940's USO canteen with
24 dancers in period dress and uniforms performing the "Jitterbug"
25 to the toe-tapping, fast-moving music of the day, and

26 WHEREAS, the NFL, working in conjunction with the City of
27 Jacksonville, could expand the theme to include week-long
28 pregame festivities featuring 1940's automobiles and other
29 memorabilia, parades, and special appearances by war heroes past

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30 | and present, and such outpouring of public appreciation would
 31 | "win America's heart" and would be a memorable example of good
 32 | manners and good taste worthy of the service and sacrifices of
 33 | America's Greatest Generation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 35 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 36 | Florida:

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 38 | That the House of Representatives, recognizing Jacksonville
 39 | will be in the world spotlight as host to Super Bowl XXXIX in
 40 | February 2005, urges the officials and civic leaders of the city
 41 | to strive to make this event an opportunity during which to
 42 | offer to these aging heroes "America's Musical Salute to the
 43 | Greatest Generation."

44 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 45 | presented to the NFL Super Bowl XXXIX Planning Committee as soon
 46 | as possible, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
 47 | herein.