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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Leon Larson and Tetoee Howard,
3 Florida's 2004 Big and Little Brother of the Year.

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5 WHEREAS, Leon Larson and Tetoee Howard, both of
6 Gainesville, have been named Florida's 2004 Big and Little
7 Brother of the Year, their 6-year relationship having been
8 singled out as "exemplary" by the Big Brother/Big Sister
9 organization, and

10 WHEREAS, as a 10-year-old, Tetoee, legally blind, who had
11 always wanted to learn to waterski, was a perfect match for
12 Leon, a competition waterskier who had worked with partially
13 sighted athletes and who teaches African drumming at Santa Fe
14 Community College; and today Tetoee, now 16, is an excellent
15 waterskier and African hand drummer, and

16 WHEREAS, Tetoee has become so proficient with the drums
17 that he's been invited to perform with multiple groups, and his
18 solo performance opening the 2003 celebration of Black History
19 Month at his high school was so well-received that he was asked
20 to return again this year, and

21 WHEREAS, noting that the two enjoy hiking, swimming,
22 movies, theater, and other "fun" activities together, Leon, 64,
23 is quick to point out the young man's intelligence, keen memory,
24 quick wit, and insatiable curiosity and credits the discipline
25 of waterskiing and drumming with boosting Tetoee's self-
26 confidence and landing him on the school honor roll and the
27 track and field team for disabled students, and

28 WHEREAS, on his part, the younger man finds Leon to be the
29 model Big Brother, fun to be around, and "a good person to talk

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30 | to," and, recalling that his father once told him that if a
31 | person has one best friend in life he is doing good, Tetoee
32 | states confidently that he has found his best friend, NOW,
33 | 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 congratulates Leon Larson
39 | and Tetoee Howard as possessors of an enviable, enduring
40 | relationship, "two old friends, joking and laughing" together,
41 | and honors the pair as Florida's 2004 Big and Little Brother of
42 | the Year.

43 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
44 | presented to Big Brother Leon Larson and to Little Brother
45 | Tetoee Howard as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
46 | herein.