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House Resolution

A resolution congratulating the Tampa Police Department on its reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies for the sixth consecutive time and commending the department for having taken extraordinary steps in delivering quality law enforcement service to the community.

WHEREAS, the Tampa Police Department has a long history of valiant and dedicated service to the Tampa community, dating back to its inception in 1887, and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reaccredited the Tampa Police Department on July 31, 2004, for yet another 3-year term, and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Police Department is one of only two agencies in the United States to have been reaccredited by CALEA six consecutive times and is the only agency of its size to have done so, and

WHEREAS, to achieve accredited status, an agency must comply with all 439 CALEA performance standards during a rigorous on-site assessment that involves a public information hearing, standards documentation reviews, ride-alongs, and interviews with sworn officers and civilian personnel, and

WHEREAS, in complying with the CALEA performance standards, the Tampa Police Department has shown that its members and staff vigorously embrace the intent of the Legislature set forth in section 943.125, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Legislature in section 943.125, Florida Statutes, is that law enforcement agencies be

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30 strengthened through the adoption of meaningful standards for
 31 their officers and personnel in order to provide equal and fair
 32 enforcement of the law, maximize crime prevention and control
 33 capabilities, and increase interagency cooperation throughout
 34 the state, and

35 WHEREAS, the Tampa Police Department has more than 1,350
 36 sworn and civilian personnel who work together to make meeting
 37 these high standards possible, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 42 That the Tampa Police Department is congratulated for being
 43 reaccredited for the sixth consecutive time by the Commission on
 44 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and the department's
 45 officers and staff are commended for providing outstanding law
 46 enforcement service on a daily basis to more than 300,000
 47 residents of the Tampa community.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 49 presented to the Tampa Police Department as a tangible token of
 50 the sentiments expressed herein.