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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the week of March 27-April 2,
3 2005, as "Merit Shop Construction Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the construction industry in Florida employs over
6 444,000 men and women and is the fifth largest industry in the
7 state, and

8 WHEREAS, total employment in the construction industry is
9 more than double the cumulative employment in agriculture,
10 forestry, and fisheries, and

11 WHEREAS, the construction industry has a minority
12 employment rate of 32 percent, and

13 WHEREAS, merit shop construction has a record of higher
14 workplace safety and lower fatality rates than union shops and
15 the industry average, and

16 WHEREAS, construction in Florida has an annual payroll in
17 excess of \$8.8 billion, and

18 WHEREAS, construction in Florida contributes over \$1
19 billion in sales and use tax collected each year, and

20 WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution guarantees that "the
21 right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on
22 account of membership or nonmembership in any labor union or
23 labor organization," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That the week of March 27-April 2, 2005, is designated as
29 "Merit Shop Construction Week" in Florida.