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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 20, 2005, as "Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 1905, the Florida Society of Accountants, now the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), was formed in order to uphold the highest educational and ethical standards of the accounting profession while ensuring its continued growth and success, and

WHEREAS, from 1905, when legislative efforts of the society resulted in Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward's signing of Florida's first accountancy law, through 2004, when the FICPA supported legislation relating to licensure and a mandatory ethics course, the organization has worked to promote the highest standards of professionalism and to protect the needs of the general public, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the FICPA successfully supported legislation that, in 1983, enabled Florida to become the first major state to implement the 150-hour education requirement for CPA candidates to further ensure the public receives the services of educated, tested, and licensed professionals, and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the FICPA sought support from the Florida Legislature to create the Division of Certified Public Accounting, and

WHEREAS, the FICPA has gone to great lengths to assist in the establishment and, since 1992, the funding of an unlicensed activity public awareness campaign that has resulted in the equivalent of \$11 million in airtime, through \$1.65 million of

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29 CPA license fees, developed to protect the public from illegal
 30 activities, and

31 WHEREAS, the FICPA established an educational foundation in
 32 1959 that has distributed more than \$1.7 million in scholarships
 33 to accounting students and universities and has created a High
 34 School Coordinators program that has placed 660 volunteer
 35 certified public accountants in over 585 high schools in Florida
 36 to encourage students to consider a career in accounting, and

37 WHEREAS, in 1998, in order to assist minority students in
 38 completing their fifth year of college accounting education, the
 39 FICPA sought legislation that created the Minority Scholarship
 40 Program, funded solely by CPA license fees, that has awarded
 41 \$408,000 to 79 students; and in that same year, in an effort to
 42 encourage rising minority students to explore career
 43 opportunities in business, finance, or accounting, the FICPA
 44 created a Minority Summer Residency Program to enable high
 45 school seniors to spend a week on a college campus, and

46 WHEREAS, in 1998, the FICPA worked cooperatively in a
 47 public-private partnership with the Florida Department of
 48 Revenue to create the Certified Audit Program, which, since
 49 1999, has recovered over \$6.9 million in underpaid taxes to the
 50 state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 55 That the House of Representatives, in recognition of the
 56 100-year anniversary of the FICPA, designates April 20, 2005, as

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57 "Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants Day" in
58 Florida.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
60 presented to Lloyd "Buddy" Turman, Chief Executive Officer and
61 Executive Director of the FICPA, as a tangible token of the
62 sentiments expressed herein.