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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the week of April 4-8, 2005, as
3 "Adopt A Grandchild Week" and honoring the dedicated
4 volunteers of the Adopt A Grandchild Program of Gulf Coast
5 Community Care.
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7 WHEREAS, the Adopt A Grandchild Program of Gulf Coast
8 Community Care has, for the past 22 years, provided trained
9 volunteer mentors for children under 12 years of age who are in
10 extremely difficult personal and home circumstances, and

11 WHEREAS, the Adopt A Grandchild Program serves up to 150
12 children a year regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, or
13 gender, matching each child with a committed, extensively
14 trained and screened mentor, and

15 WHEREAS, volunteers are requested to make a one-year
16 commitment and to give two to four hours a week, during after
17 school hours and on weekends, to a caring, one-on-one structured
18 relationship that includes outings in the community or in the
19 volunteer's home and that are designed to be a blend of
20 cultural, educational, and social activities, and

21 WHEREAS, the goals of a consistent intergenerational
22 relationship are to develop educational opportunities, build
23 life skills, afford experiences that might not otherwise exist,
24 and model a meaningful and trusting relationship, all to the end
25 that the children gain a sense of control over their environment
26 and a realization that they can create positive change in their
27 lives, and

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28 WHEREAS, the week of April 4-8, 2005, is being celebrated
29 as "Adopt A Grandchild Week" and presents an excellent
30 opportunity to recognize the outstanding service of the
31 dedicated volunteers who are unselfishly giving of themselves on
32 behalf of thousands of at-risk children in the Gulf Coast area,
33 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 recognizes the week of
39 April 4-8, 2005, as "Adopt A Grandchild Week" and takes
40 advantage of the occasion to honor and commend the volunteers
41 who have availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the
42 Adopt A Grandchild Program of Gulf Coast Community Care to make
43 a positive difference in a child's life.