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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the Tampa Bay Lightning for their  
3 outstanding 2004 ice hockey season and Stanley Cup victory  
4 against the Calgary Flames.

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6 WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
7 in 2002 declared Rwanda the "Lightning Capital of the World,"  
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9 WHEREAS, the National Hockey League's Tampa Bay Lightning  
10 unraveled the findings of those at NASA by unequivocally  
11 declaring on June 7, 2004, that Tampa is truly the "Lightning  
12 Capital of the World" as the Bolts extinguished the Calgary  
13 Flames in the seventh and final game for the Stanley Cup, and

14 WHEREAS, the team is 25 players strong, including Captain  
15 Dave Andreychuk, with 22 years in the National Hockey League and  
16 holder of the NHL record of 270 power-play goals; Brad Richards,  
17 winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy and the Lady Byng Trophy;  
18 Martin St. Louis, winner of the Hart Trophy, the Pearson Award,  
19 and the Art Ross Trophy; Ruslan Fedotenko, who delivered both of  
20 Tampa Bay's goals in the final game; Goaltender Nikolai  
21 Khabibulin, who masterfully protected the one-goal lead in the  
22 third period; along with owner Bill Davidson, CEO Tom Wilson,  
23 President Ron Campbell, and General Manager Jay Feaster, and

24 WHEREAS, the team arose from humble beginnings, playing in  
25 a barn at the Florida State Fairgrounds followed by three  
26 seasons in a baseball stadium, then skating to the ultimate  
27 hockey victory in the St. Pete Times Forum after being

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28    successfully challenged by head coach John Tortorella, who later  
29    won the Jack Adams Award as Coach of the Year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31    Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
32    Florida:

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34            That the Tampa Bay Lightning is congratulated on winning  
35    the 2004 Stanley Cup, making Tampa the home of the best  
36    professional hockey team in North America and keeping the  
37    Stanley Cup in the United States of America.

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39            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
40    presented to the Tampa Bay Lightning as a tangible token of the  
   sentiments expressed herein.