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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution congratulating the Gaither High School
3 Marching Cowboy Band on its selection to participate in
4 the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.
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6 WHEREAS, the 55th Presidential Inaugural Committee,
7 impressed by both the talent and great enthusiasm exhibited by
8 the 2,000 marching bands from across the country which applied
9 to participate in this year's Presidential Inaugural Parade on
10 January 20, selected the Gaither High School Marching Cowboy
11 Band from Hillsborough County, and

12 WHEREAS, the Gaither High School Marching Cowboy Band was
13 the only band selected from Florida, one of only 34 to be
14 selected nationwide, and did what no county band has done since
15 1969 by performing in a presidential inaugural parade, and

16 WHEREAS, the band members practiced diligently and worked
17 with band boosters and other community supporters to raise
18 \$90,000 to participate in the event and received tremendous
19 donations, both monetary and otherwise, from businesses and
20 individuals to facilitate the trip, and

21 WHEREAS, five busloads of some 165 student performers and
22 instruments and 60 chaperones departed for Washington, D.C., on
23 January 18 to not only participate in the inaugural event but
24 also to attend their own post-parade party at the Hard Rock Café
25 in Baltimore, and

26 WHEREAS, the students and chaperones also spent time taking
27 a cruise around the Baltimore Inner Harbor, snow tubing at
28 Wintergreen Ski Slopes in Virginia, taking a bus tour of the

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29 | Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial, taking a
30 | monument tour of the National Mall, and visiting the Smithsonian
31 | Institution and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing
32 | Arts in Washington, D.C., NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 | Florida:

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37 | That the Gaither High School Marching Cowboy Band is
38 | congratulated on its hard work and on its selection to
39 | participate in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington,
40 | D.C., on January 20, 2005, and is commended for creating an
41 | inspiring example for high school band members of this state and
42 | bringing credit to its school district and to Hillsborough
43 | County.

44 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
45 | presented to the Gaither High School Marching Cowboy Band as a
46 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.