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House Resolution

A resolution congratulating the Tallahassee Police

Department and commending Officer Charles "Chuck" Perry.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee Police Department has a long history of valiant, dedicated service to the Tallahassee community dating back to its inception in 1841, a record recently attested to by the March 19, 2005, reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for yet another 3-year term, and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee Police Department is one of only three agencies in the United States and the second in the State of Florida to have been reaccredited by CALEA six consecutive times and is the only agency of its size to have done so, and

WHEREAS, to achieve accredited status, an agency must comply with all 446 CALEA performance standards during a rigorous onsite assessment that involves a public information hearing, a panel review process, standards documentation reviews, ride-alongs, and interviews with sworn officers and civilian members, and

WHEREAS, in meeting the CALEA performance standards, the Tallahassee Police Department has shown that its members and staff vigorously embrace the intent of the Legislature as set forth in section 943.125, Florida Statutes, that law enforcement agencies adopt high and meaningful standards for their officers and personnel in order to provide equal and fair enforcement of the law, maximize crime prevention and control capabilities, and increase interagency cooperation throughout the state, and

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WHEREAS, the Tallahassee Police Department has more than 597 sworn and civilian personnel who, under the leadership of Chief Walter A. McNeil, work together to make meeting these high standards possible, and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee Police Department is further recognized for its effective law enforcement services by the naming of its Officer Charles "Chuck" Perry as the Attorney General's 2004 Florida Officer of the Year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

 That the officers and staff of the Tallahassee Police
Department are congratulated upon having received the
department's sixth consecutive reaccreditation by the Commission
on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and are
commended for their outstanding service to the more than 169,136
residents of the Tallahassee community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Officer Charles "Chuck" Perry is commended as the Attorney General's 2004 Officer of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to the Tallahassee Police Department and Officer Chuck Perry as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.