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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Chipola College Indians 2004-2005 Men's Basketball Team.

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College, founded in 1947, became a public educational institution on September 1, 1948, when it joined the state Junior College System and, by virtue of its offering 4-year Bachelor of Science Degrees in Science and Mathematics, became Chipola College on August 18, 2003, and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Chipola Junior College, with its men's basketball team, the "Indians," hosted the first Florida Junior College Men's Basketball Tournament and since 1996 has been the exclusive site of the tournament, and

WHEREAS, from 1961 to 2005, the Indians Men's Basketball
Team has won 18 Panhandle Conference Championships and nine
State Basketball Championships and has made 10 appearances in
the National Junior College Athletics Association Men's National
Basketball Championship Tournament, and

WHEREAS, in the course of the 2004-2005 season, the Indians Men's Basketball Team achieved a win-loss record of 33-4, claimed its 18th Panhandle Conference Championship, and, on March 12, won the Florida Community College Activities Association/National Junior College Athletics Association Region VIII Men's Basketball Tournament, its ninth State Basketball Championship, and

26 WHEREAS, as winner of the 2004-2005 tournament, the team is
27 not only the State Junior or Community College Basketball
28 Championship recordholder, but represented Florida and Region

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VIII in the National Junior College Athletics Association Men's
National Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, on March
22-26, finishing fourth in the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That Chipola College Indians 2004-2005 Men's Basketball 36 37 Team members Kendaris Pelton, Stefhon Hannah, Mario Boggan, 38 Truman Montgomery, Victor Gomez, Pawel Malesa, Michael Taylor, 39 Ryne Hamblet, Akeem Hemingway, Anderson Ferreira, Brent Crews, 40 Gerrard Jackson, and Jimmy Sloss, Head Coach Greg Heiar, and 41 Assistant Coaches Micah Byars, T.J. Otzelberger, and Korey 42 McCray are commended for an outstanding record of championships 43 and proudly recognized as representatives of Florida and Region 44 VIII in the National Junior College Men's Basketball 45 Championship Tournament.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be 47 presented to each team member and coach as a tangible token of 48 the sentiments expressed herein.

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