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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Florida's
3 Hometown U.S.A. participants for the year 2005.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida's Hometown U.S.A., an educational youth
6 program organized in 1986, plays a significant role in the
7 development of young people in the State of Florida by
8 encouraging their active involvement in home, church, school,
9 and community activities, and

10 WHEREAS, recognizing that today's students will carry with
11 them into tomorrow's society those values and skills learned in
12 their youth, Florida Hometown U.S.A. seeks out five young women
13 each year and provides them opportunities to represent their
14 hometowns while performing volunteer service throughout the
15 state, and

16 WHEREAS, opportunities for service have run the gamut from
17 distributing toys to youngsters in children's hospitals to
18 entertaining residents of nursing homes and retirement centers,
19 from sharing smiles with patients of veterans hospitals to
20 participating in sing-alongs with lonely seniors, and from
21 distributing food to needy families to acting as Grand Marshals
22 in the Walt Disney World Parade, and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to having received recognition from
24 the President of the United States, as well as from the Vice
25 President, the First Lady, and the United States Congress, the
26 young representatives of Florida's Hometown U.S.A. have been
27 commended by the Governor, the Florida Legislature, and the
28 State Department of Commerce, and

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29 WHEREAS, especially meaningful during this year of service
30 is the annual trip to the State Capital, where the young women
31 are conducted on a tour of the Capitol and shown points of
32 interest around the city, with emphasis on the state government
33 and the history of Florida, and

34 WHEREAS, the five outstanding representatives of Florida
35 Hometown U.S.A. for the year 2005 are Lexie Zarifis, from
36 Rotoada West; Katelyn Wildes, from Callahan; Courtney Larkin,
37 from Marianna; Meagan Waters, from Groveland; and Cassie
38 Burbank, from Leesburg, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That the House of Representatives enthusiastically
44 recognizes Florida's Hometown U.S.A. participants for the year
45 2005 as extraordinary examples of the state's fine young ladies
46 and extends to them its sincere good wishes in their future
47 endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to each of these young people as a tangible token of
50 the sentiments expressed herein.