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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Turn Around St. Petersburg-Wrice  
3 Process Drugfighters.

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5 WHEREAS, illegal drugs and associated crime can destroy  
6 families and neighborhoods of all economic and social strata,  
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8 WHEREAS, Turn Around St. Petersburg-Wrice Process (TASP-WP)  
9 and its 34th Street Federation have brought together from across  
10 the city all races, as well as old and young, rich and poor, and  
11 represent cooperative efforts by St. Petersburg's neighborhoods  
12 to reclaim their area from drug dealers and thereby transform  
13 their community, and

14 WHEREAS, the Wrice Marches of Turn Around St. Petersburg-  
15 Wrice Process, begun in 1995 and renewed in 2003, represent a  
16 true partnership among residents, neighborhoods, police, and the  
17 city, and the ongoing marches and vigils are becoming catalysts  
18 for community and economic development, providing opportunities  
19 for increased children and youth initiatives, more and better  
20 housing, and local business development, and

21 WHEREAS, by wearing their signature yellow drugfighting  
22 shirts, the TASP-WP participants are making every Friday "Up  
23 with Hope, Down with Dope Day" and, in partnership with police  
24 and in conjunction with Court Watch and the Pinellas County  
25 State Attorney's Office, attend drug dealer court cases ensuring  
26 that the neighborhoods' voices are heard, and

27 WHEREAS, St. Petersburg's mayor and city council members  
28 have displayed strong leadership, participation, and support of

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29 the TASP-WP, and in 1997 the city's Neighborhood Partnership  
30 Office sponsored the Turn Around America National Drugfighters  
31 Reunion and has worked to develop TASP-WP into a statewide and  
32 even national model through its help in providing satellite and  
33 onsite training for other neighborhoods and cities in Florida,  
34 and

35 WHEREAS, the neighborhood drugfighters, through their  
36 volunteer spirit and their "a people united will never be  
37 defeated" attitude, have displayed extraordinary leadership,  
38 tenacity, commitment, and courage and have become real-life  
39 heroes, inspiring young and old alike, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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44 That the House of Representatives takes great pride in  
45 honoring the Turn Around St. Petersburg-Wrice Process  
46 Drugfighters and expresses sincere appreciation for their  
47 admirable, exemplary efforts.