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House Resolution

A resolution designating September 2005 as "Take Your Dad to School Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education published a study in 1998 entitled "Fathers' Involvement in Their Children's Schools," which revealed that children whose fathers participate in their school activities, as compared to their peers whose fathers do not, are more likely to get mostly A's, enjoy school, and participate in extracurricular activities and are less likely to have ever repeated a grade or have been suspended or expelled from school, and

WHEREAS, a longitudinal study of 919 children indicated that low parental involvement, among other factors, increased the chances that a child would engage in antisocial behaviors such as fighting, lying, cheating, and criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, a 1999 poll commissioned by the National Center for Fathering discovered that 40.2 percent of fathers never read to their children, only 40.9 percent of fathers between the ages of 25 and 44 knew the name of their child's teacher, 32.4 percent had never attended a child's class event or school meeting, 77 percent had never had lunch with their child at school, and 58 percent had never volunteered at their child's school, and

WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of two supportive parents, even if their parents are separated, are less likely to live in poverty, drop out of school, become involved in

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28 delinquent behavior, or become involved in an abusive
29 relationship and are at lower risk of teen pregnancy, and
30 WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of a healthy, active
31 relationship with their fathers are more likely to be well-
32 adjusted in adolescence and adulthood, and children whose
33 fathers are not present benefit from a relationship with
34 nurturing, actively involved father figures such as
35 grandfathers, uncles, Big Brothers, and mentors, and
36 WHEREAS, since the first designation in 2000 of September
37 as "Take Your Dad to School Month," more than 100,000 fathers
38 and father figures in Florida have attended school events with
39 their children, and many schools have adopted appropriate events
40 to observe the month in their regularly scheduled activities for
41 September, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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46 That September 2005 is designated as "Take Your Dad to
47 School Month" in Florida.