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2006

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Samuel Bennett as the 2005 Florida
3 Teacher of the Year.

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5 WHEREAS, Samuel Bennett left his job as a police officer in
6 the 1970s to attend school with one goal in mind: influencing
7 young students in a positive way by becoming an elementary
8 school teacher, and

9 WHEREAS, a skilled communicator who strives to keep
10 learning interesting for his fifth-grade students at Winter
11 Haven's Garner Elementary School and who places a strong
12 emphasis on parental involvement, Mr. Bennett has a master's
13 degree in elementary education, has 12 years of teaching
14 experience in Polk County, and is currently a doctoral candidate
15 in organizational leadership, and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett's love for his students and fellow
17 teachers extends far beyond the classroom in that he organized
18 efforts to help staff members whose homes suffered damage or
19 were destroyed in the 2004 hurricanes and organized the school's
20 Single Parent Association, a group that offers resources for
21 single-parent households, the development of which earned him a
22 Disney Teacherrific Award, and

23 WHEREAS, Samuel Bennett, known to his students as "Mr. B,"
24 was, for his outstanding efforts, named 2005 Polk County Teacher
25 of the Year after being selected from five finalists from the
26 ranks of 177,000 public school teachers for the state title and
27 is currently one of four finalists for the title of National
28 Teacher of the Year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 That Samuel Bennett is recognized for being named Florida's
34 Teacher of the Year for 2005 and for his continued dedication to
35 his students and fellow faculty members as well as for his
36 efforts on behalf of the young citizens who will one day become
37 the future of the great State of Florida.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
40 presented to Samuel Bennett as a tangible token of the
sentiments expressed herein.