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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing October 5, 2006, as "ENERGY STAR
3 Change a Light Day."

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5 WHEREAS, the ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World
6 Campaign is a national campaign sponsored by the United States
7 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States
8 Department of Energy to encourage Americans to save energy by
9 switching to more efficient ENERGY STAR lighting, and

10 WHEREAS, switching to light bulbs and fixtures that
11 qualify for the ENERGY STAR designation of the Environmental
12 Protection Agency and the Department of Energy will save energy
13 and money while helping to protect the environment, and

14 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency states that
15 ENERGY-STAR-qualified lighting requires two-thirds less energy
16 than standard lighting, generates 70 percent less heat, and
17 lasts up to 10 times longer, and

18 WHEREAS, were every household in the United States to
19 replace just one incandescent light bulb with one that earned
20 the ENERGY STAR label, the country could save \$600 million in
21 energy bills, save enough energy to light 7 million homes, and
22 prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those produced
23 by 1 million cars, and

24 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency further
25 states that if each household in the United States were to
26 replace its five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs
27 with ENERGY STAR models, each household would save more than
28 \$60 a year in energy costs, and

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29 WHEREAS, October 5, 2005, was designated by the
30 Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy,
31 along with partners around the country, as the first annual
32 "ENERGY STAR Change a Light Day," and

33 WHEREAS, besides taking the online pledge "I pledge to do
34 my part to save energy and help protect our environment by
35 changing a light in my home to an ENERGY-STAR-qualified one,"
36 each Floridian may become a partner in the ENERGY STAR Change a
37 Light Campaign by helping, in a wide variety of ways, to
38 publicize the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Campaign and Pledge;
39 for example, by adding a link to the ENERGY STAR Change a Light
40 Pledge on a website, taking part in local events such as
41 energy-efficient lighting changeouts at a historical landmark,
42 or encouraging local leaders to become involved in ENERGY STAR
43 Change a Light Day, NOW, THEREFORE,

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45 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
46 Florida:

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48 That October 5, 2006, is recognized as "ENERGY STAR Change
49 a Light Day" and residents of this state are encouraged to take
50 the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge and to participate as
51 partners in the ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World
52 Campaign.