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House Resolution

A resolution designating September 11, 2006, as "Heroes' Day" in Florida.

5 WHEREAS, grateful students of Longwood Elementary School 6 recently drafted for presentation by the Longwood City 7 Commission a proclamation, portions of which read as follows:

8 "Whereas, Firefighters, Police Officers, Military
9 Personnel, and Emergency Medical Services work 24 hours a day,
10 seven days a week putting their lives in jeopardy helping
11 others; and

"Whereas, Firefighters should be honored because they choose to assist people and save lives from billowing fires. They are responsible for braving fires risking their lives for others. They risk their lives to save buildings or homes that are being destroyed by fire. They extinguish about 200 blazing fires a year. They are dedicated to helping people around the world when in danger; and

19 "Whereas, Police Officers should be honored because they protect our community by safequarding our homes and saving lives 20 21 by putting lawbreakers in jail. Police Officers protect us from car accidents, drunk drivers, child abductors, criminals, and 22 23 drug offenders. Police Officers must work holidays away from their family to guard citizens in Longwood. They are willing to 24 take away from their families to protect others by working 25 26 through the night to prevent criminal acts; and

27 "Whereas, Emergency Medical Service Personnel should be28 honored for providing care for those who experience illness or

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29 injury. They arrive at the scene of an accident in a rapid 30 manner to assist those who are injured. They are willing to risk 31 their lives traveling at high speeds to reach the destination; 32 and

33 "Whereas, on September 11, 2001, Firefighters, Police Officers, and EMS Personnel showed additional bravery and 34 courage. On September 11, 2001, they put out the flaring fires 35 on the towering buildings. They were called to protect us, not 36 knowing if they would live or die. Each person showed great 37 heroism by working at the crisis zone for many days searching 38 for survivors. Hundreds of firefighters and police officers died 39 40 trying to save our citizens lives. Military personnel have gone 41 to war to fight against terrorism, some giving up their lives," 42 and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Members of the
House of Representatives embrace the sentiments of this
exemplary group of Florida's students, NOW, THEREFORE,

47 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of48 Florida:

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That the House of Representatives commends the efforts of the students of Longwood Elementary School to honor the heroes of this state and nation and, therefore, in solidarity with those remarkably appreciative students enthusiastically designates September 11, 2006, as "Heroes' Day" in Florida.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be 56 presented to the principal of Longwood Elementary School as a

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57 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.