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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of K-9 Officer Roy
Lundell Nelson, Jr.

WHEREAS, Roy Lundell Nelson, Jr., born May 29, 1969, in
Bartow, Florida, the son of Roy, Sr., and Susan Nelson,
graduated from Lakeland Senior High School in 1988, subsequently
attended Polk Community College and Hillsborough Community Fire
Academy, and in 1993 began his public service career as a part-
time firefighter with the Polk County Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, spurred by a long-time desire to enter law
enforcement, Roy soon enrolled in the Southwest Florida Criminal
Justice Academy in Fort Myers, became a certified police
officer, and in 1998 joined the New Smyrna Beach Police
Department, where, exhibiting a keen interest in narcotics law,
he was assigned in 2003 to the K-9 unit and partnered with K-9
Caesar, a one-year-old Belgian Malinois, while also serving on
the department's Special Response Team and its Bike Patrol, and

WHEREAS, Officer Nelson died in the line of duty on August
13, 2005, a superb example of one of "America's finest," as
attested to by the many letters of appreciation received from
the community over the years, by his service commendations
within the department, and by the recounting by colleagues and
citizens of his many acts of kindness, dedication to duty, and
heroism, and

WHEREAS, Officer Nelson is fondly remembered as a real hero
by one New Smyrna Beach couple who wrote of how he dismantled an
automobile engine in order to free two kittens trapped inside;

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29 he was chosen as a member of the presidential detail when
30 President George W. Bush visited the city in 2002; in 2003 he
31 arrested Michael Thomas Seibert, one of "America's Most Wanted";
32 and, most recently, as one of the officers who rescued a local
33 disabled person who had fallen from his wheelchair into the
34 water while fishing, he remained with the man until Emergency
35 Volunteer Air Corps personnel arrived, and

36 WHEREAS, Officer Nelson is survived by his wife, Angie
37 Nelson; two daughters, Samantha Steinmetz and Sabrina Nelson;
38 his parents, Roy, Sr., and Susan Nelson; a brother, Robert
39 Nelson; and a sister, Patricia Andress, 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 honors the memory of K-9
45 Officer Roy Lundell Nelson, Jr., and extends its heartfelt
46 sympathy to his wife, Angie, their children, and his other
47 family members.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to Angie Nelson as a tangible token of the sentiments
50 expressed herein.