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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings.

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4 WHEREAS, Toni Jennings, the 16th Lieutenant Governor of the  
5 nation's fourth most populous state and the first woman to hold  
6 that office in Florida, uses, in support of Governor Jeb Bush's  
7 key initiatives for economic development, quality education, and  
8 strengthening families, her extensive public-sector experience  
9 and her unique knowledge of business gained as president of a  
10 successful family-owned construction company, and

11 WHEREAS, a two-term member of the House of Representatives  
12 until elected to the Senate, Ms. Jennings represented Central  
13 Florida for 20 years, during which time she became the state's  
14 first and only two-term Senate President and distinguished  
15 herself as a skilled consensus builder while championing  
16 workforce development initiatives, creating the state's school  
17 readiness program, and advocating for the state's successful  
18 program to move citizens from welfare to self-sufficiency, and

19 WHEREAS, since taking office in March 2003, Lieutenant  
20 Governor Jennings has figured strongly in shaping the state's  
21 agendas for educational excellence and affordable, accessible  
22 healthcare, as exemplified by her leadership in the development  
23 of recommendations for a voluntary, free prekindergarten program  
24 for 4-year-olds and in crafting reforms in Florida's health care  
25 market, and

26 WHEREAS, further evidence of Lieutenant Governor Jennings'  
27 strong leadership qualities are her numerous awards while in the  
28 Senate, including that of Conservation Legislator of the Year,

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29 Friend of Education, and Friend of the First Amendment, as well  
30 as by her induction into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, and

31 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Jennings is an enthusiastic  
32 participant in civic affairs, but perhaps her greatest passion  
33 finds expression in her frequent visits to schools throughout  
34 the state, inspiring teachers and students alike in the pursuit  
35 of the highest standards of literacy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
38 Florida:

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40 That the House of Representatives hereby expresses to the  
41 Honorable Toni Jennings, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, its  
42 high esteem, sincere honor, and vigorous support.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
44 presented to Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings as a tangible  
45 token of the sentiments expressed herein.