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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings.

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4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Jennings serves as a role  
5 model for girls and women in our great state to pursue success  
6 in higher education, to establish a career, to become community  
7 volunteers, and to enter public service to help improve the  
8 quality of life for fellow Floridians, and

9 WHEREAS, Toni Jennings is the first woman to hold the  
10 position of Lieutenant Governor in Florida; is the 16th  
11 Lieutenant Governor of the nation's fourth most populous state;  
12 is in support of initiatives for economic development, quality  
13 education, and strengthening families; and has extensive public-  
14 sector experience with unique knowledge of business gained as  
15 president of a successful family-owned construction company, and

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

24 WHEREAS, since taking office in March 2003, Lieutenant  
25 Governor Jennings has figured strongly in shaping the state's  
26 agendas for educational excellence and affordable, accessible  
27 healthcare, as exemplified by her leadership in the development  
28 of recommendations for a voluntary, free prekindergarten program

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29 | for 4-year-olds and in crafting reforms in Florida's health care  
30 | market, and

31 |         WHEREAS, further evidence of Lieutenant Governor Jennings'  
32 | strong leadership qualities are her numerous awards while in the  
33 | Senate, including that of Conservation Legislator of the Year,  
34 | Friend of Education, and Friend of the First Amendment, as well  
35 | as by her induction into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, and

36 |         WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Jennings is an enthusiastic  
37 | participant in civic affairs, but perhaps her greatest passion  
38 | finds expression in her frequent visits to schools throughout  
39 | the state, inspiring teachers and students alike in the pursuit  
40 | of the highest standards of literacy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
43 | Florida:

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45 |         That the House of Representatives hereby expresses to the  
46 | Honorable Toni Jennings, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, its  
47 | high esteem, sincere honor, and vigorous support.

48 |         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
49 | presented to Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings as a tangible  
50 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.