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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and commending the Tampa Bay
3 Performing Arts Center on the occasion of its 20th
4 anniversary.

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6 WHEREAS, since its opening in 1987, the Tampa Bay
7 Performing Arts Center has provided a beautiful venue for a
8 variety of world-class events for patrons of the performing
9 arts, including one of the nation's leading Broadway series, the
10 production of grand operas, and numerous concerts and other
11 performances, and

12 WHEREAS, during the last 20 years, the Tampa Bay Performing
13 Arts Center has entertained nearly 10 million patrons and has
14 become the largest performing arts center in the Southeast and
15 the largest south of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and

16 WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center expanded its
17 educational efforts in 2004 by opening the Dr. Pallavi Patel
18 Performing Arts Conservatory for the purpose of offering
19 instruction in music, theater, dance, and the digital arts to
20 students of all ages, and

21 WHEREAS, over the past 20 years more than 860,000 children
22 have attended performances at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts
23 Center through its On-School Time program, many of them
24 experiencing a theatrical performance for the first time, and

25 WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has an annual
26 economic impact on the State of Florida of \$94 million, with
27 approximately 80 percent of the funding for the center being
28 provided by ticket sales, rentals, and other income and the

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29 remaining funds coming from government, corporations,
30 foundations, and 5,700 individual donors, and

31 WHEREAS, the community support for the Tampa Bay Performing
32 Arts Center and the Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts
33 Conservatory is strong and committed, as evidenced by the
34 support of approximately 650 volunteers donating over 75,000
35 hours annually, 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 recognizes and commends
41 the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on the occasion of its 20th
42 anniversary and encourages the residents of the State of Florida
43 to support the performing arts not only at the center but
44 throughout the state.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center as a tangible
47 token of the sentiments expressed herein.