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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Florida Department of Corrections' Gulf Correctional Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team and Century Correctional Institution's Canine Team.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Corrections' Gulf Correctional Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team and Century Correctional Institution's Canine Team won recent national and regional acclaim, and

WHEREAS, the National Corrections and Law Enforcement Training and Technology Center Skills Competition was held in Moundsville, West Virginia, May 10-11, 2007, and

WHEREAS, first place overall in the skills competition was awarded to the Gulf Correctional Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team, consisting of team members Lieutenant Michael Mashburn, Sergeant Trampus Gray, Sergeant David Swain, Sergeant Kevin Romer, Officer Kenneth Stephens, Officer Jeremy Cross, Officer Michael Pabis, and Officer Joseph Mastro; and Lieutenant Michael Mashburn placed fourth with individual honors in the Super S.W.A.T. competition, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Correctional Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team was the least penalized team in all events, employing the motto, "We will not lower our standards to raise yours," and

WHEREAS, canine teams from five states competed for top honors during the 2007 Southern States Manhunt Field Trials that were hosted by the Arkansas Department of Corrections and took

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29 | place March 12-16, 2007, at Camp Robinson National Guard Post in
30 | North Little Rock, Arkansas, and

31 | WHEREAS, there were 31 canine teams from Florida, Arkansas,
32 | Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri that competed for top
33 | honors, and

34 | WHEREAS, Sergeant Burley Townson and Correctional Officer
35 | Jamie Sanders from the Century Correctional Institution, along
36 | with their beagles, won first place in the Multiple Leash
37 | Competition, and

38 | WHEREAS, these emergency response and canine teams from
39 | Florida demonstrated award-winning skills and commitment to
40 | their respective missions of seeking positive resolution of
41 | crises and participating in apprehending escapees and protecting
42 | the public by assisting law enforcement agencies with felon
43 | apprehensions, missing children searches, and the finding and
44 | aiding of people in distress, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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49 | That the Florida House of Representatives salutes the
50 | Florida Department of Corrections' Gulf Correctional
51 | Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team and Century
52 | Correctional Institution's Canine Team for their award-winning
53 | performances.