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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the importance of international
3 education to Florida's economy, competitiveness, and
4 education system and designating November 17-21, 2008, as
5 "International Education Week" in Florida.
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7 WHEREAS, in an ever more globalized world, it is essential
8 to better prepare Floridians to work and interact effectively,
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10 WHEREAS, efforts in support of international education will
11 make a vital contribution to Florida's ability to compete with
12 other areas in the United States and in the world economy, and

13 WHEREAS, by promoting a global perspective, Florida's
14 colleges and universities will greatly enhance and enrich the
15 educational experience and environment of their students,
16 faculty, and staff, and

17 WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the State University
18 System has endorsed a proposal to develop a Florida Initiative
19 for Global Education as a statewide effort to promote greater
20 foreign language competency and increased opportunities to study
21 abroad for Florida college and university students, and

22 WHEREAS, the economy of Florida is inextricably tied to the
23 rest of the world, and state economic development depends upon a
24 deliberate strategic development plan that includes recognition
25 of the role of international education in all of its facets, and

26 WHEREAS, through their delivery of education, research, and
27 training programs overseas and the enrollment of international
28 students on their campuses, Florida's colleges and universities

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29 | have made higher education a critical component of the state's
30 | service export economy, and

31 | WHEREAS, international students studying in Florida
32 | contribute approximately \$680,000,000 annually to the state's
33 | economy, and

34 | WHEREAS, participation in International Education Week, a
35 | joint initiative of the United States Department of State and
36 | the United States Department of Education, is an opportunity to
37 | celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange
38 | worldwide, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
41 | Florida:

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43 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the importance
44 | of international education to Florida's economy,
45 | competitiveness, and education system and designates November
46 | 17-21, 2008, as "International Education Week" in Florida.