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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing January 12, 2008, as the 20th  
3 anniversary of the Florida Lottery's efforts to support  
4 education and fund the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
5 Program.

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7 WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment adopted in 1986 by a  
8 two-to-one margin authorized the creation of the Florida  
9 Lottery, and

10 WHEREAS, voters gave their approval to create a lottery  
11 that uses all of its proceeds to enhance public education in  
12 Florida, and

13 WHEREAS, on January 12, 1988, Florida Lottery ticket sales  
14 began 6 days ahead of schedule with the launch of the first  
15 Scratch-Off game, "MILLIONAIRE," which generated more than \$95  
16 million in sales during its first week, thereby setting a  
17 lottery industry record, and

18 WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Lottery is to maximize  
19 revenues in a manner consonant with the dignity of the state and  
20 the welfare of its citizens, and

21 WHEREAS, the Florida Lottery is a multi-billion dollar  
22 state revenue resource in which customer value, public trust,  
23 and an unwavering commitment to the enhancement of public  
24 education are cultivated and celebrated with honesty,  
25 creativity, and diversity, and

26 WHEREAS, the Florida Lottery has consistently remained a  
27 reliable contributor to education in the state, having more than  
28 tripled its average monthly contribution to the Educational

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29 Enhancement Trust Fund since the first transfer in February  
30 1988, and

31 WHEREAS, the Florida Lottery transferred \$1.26 billion in  
32 fiscal year 2006-2007 and has transferred more than \$1 billion  
33 in each of the last 5 consecutive fiscal years, and

34 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Florida Lottery has  
35 transferred more than \$18 billion to the Educational Enhancement  
36 Trust Fund, and

37 WHEREAS, Florida Lottery dollars reach every facet of  
38 public education in the state, contributing to K-12 programs in  
39 Florida's 67 school districts, building and renovating schools  
40 throughout the state, providing funding for state universities  
41 and community colleges, and fully funding more than one million  
42 Florida Bright Futures Scholarships for Florida students, NOW,  
43 THEREFORE,

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

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48 That the House of Representatives recognizes January 12,  
49 2008, as the 20th anniversary of the Florida Lottery's  
50 continuing support for education and full funding of the Florida  
51 Bright Futures Scholarship Program and wholeheartedly supports  
52 the efforts and vision of the Florida Lottery.