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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 13, 2008, as
3 "Apprenticeship Day 2008" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the apprenticeship method of on-the-job training
6 and related classroom instruction is found worldwide and has
7 consistently been proven to be an effective, efficient, and
8 economical way to pass on trade and craft skills and knowledge
9 needed by the builders of a nation's economy, and

10 WHEREAS, since being incorporated into state law 60 years
11 ago, Florida's apprenticeship program has taught tens of
12 thousands of students critical, industry-identified skills and
13 knowledge necessary for apprentices to take their place as
14 sought-after, skilled craftpersons, creating a diversification
15 that helps keep the state's economy growing by being built upon
16 enduring strengths, and

17 WHEREAS, it has been repeatedly demonstrated that
18 apprenticeship completers consistently earn higher salaries than
19 students earning college degrees through the baccalaureate
20 level, that apprentices are likely to remain in the high-skill,
21 high-wage fields in which they received their training, and that
22 they have extremely low rates of public assistance, and

23 WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Education,
24 Florida's current registered apprenticeship program has 280
25 active apprenticeship programs throughout the state training
26 15,470 apprentices, with 157 programs in construction alone
27 training approximately 11,912 apprentices; Florida consistently
28 ranks in the top 10 percent nationally in the number of

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29 apprentices served; and Florida's registered apprenticeship
30 system welcomes all apprentices 16 years of age or older without
31 regard to gender or ethnicity, and

32 WHEREAS, Florida's registered apprenticeship system
33 guarantees the availability of a quality workforce trained to
34 the exacting standards of the state's trades, while at the same
35 time improving the training standards of business and industry,
36 and it is on these strengths of a diversified workforce that
37 Florida's economy will flourish and maintain its competitive
38 edge nationally and internationally, and

39 WHEREAS, it is commonly known that the effectiveness and
40 uniqueness of Florida's registered apprenticeship program is in
41 part due to the unique cooperation and strong partnerships
42 forged among the business and industry sectors, the educational
43 community, apprenticeship program sponsors, and dedicated
44 students who are highly motivated to learn, and

45 WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship programs are an
46 essential part of our education system and such programs are a
47 critical component in the development and delivery of high-
48 caliber, skilled craftspeople needed to continue the growth that
49 has been Florida's hallmark, NOW, THEREFORE,

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51 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
52 Florida:

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54 That March 13, 2008, is designated as "Apprenticeship Day
55 2008" in Florida.