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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing November 3-7, 2008, as "Florida
3 Manufacturers Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers currently number 16,911
6 companies, employing 390,200 residents, and

7 WHEREAS, manufacturing in Florida contributes \$35.9 billion
8 to the state's gross domestic product and represents 93 percent
9 of all exports originating in Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are doing business in 222
11 countries, with Brazil, Canada, Venezuela, Mexico, and Colombia
12 being the top five countries importing Florida products, and

13 WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers provide well-paying jobs
14 that require many advanced skills, generating an average annual
15 wage of \$46,540, and

16 WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are engaged in a wide
17 variety of manufacturing businesses, including computer and
18 electronic products; transportation equipment; fabricated metal
19 products; food; mineral products; machinery; printing; wood and
20 paper products; chemicals; furniture; plastics and rubber
21 products; beverages; textile products; apparel; energy products;
22 cement and concrete; medical equipment; architectural products;
23 aerospace products; semiconductor and electronic components;
24 ships and boats; household products; and communication
25 equipment, and

26 WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation in communication
27 equipment and defense electronic manufacturing employment;
28 fourth in photonics and high-tech manufacturing employment; and

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29 | in the top 10 in electronics components, semiconductors, and
 30 | electromedical equipment manufacturing employment, and

31 | WHEREAS, Florida is currently faced with a shortage of
 32 | skilled and trained workers for the manufacturing sector, and

33 | WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are actively engaged in the
 34 | education and training of their future workforce through
 35 | partnerships with state agencies and educational institutions,
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37 | WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are competing with other
 38 | states and countries for market share, and their success in this
 39 | competition is vital because the state's manufacturing sector
 40 | provides a major stabilizing influence on Florida's economy,

41 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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 43 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 44 | Florida:

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 46 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the
 47 | great importance of the manufacturing sector to Florida's
 48 | economy and recognizes November 3-7, 2008, as "Florida
 49 | Manufacturers Week."