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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution in recognition of the United States Coast
3 Guard Cutter Tampa on the occasion of the 25th anniversary
4 of the commission of the Tampa.
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6 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard Cutter Tampa, one of
7 thirteen 270-foot medium endurance cutters of the "Famous"
8 class, designed to carry the Coast Guard into the 21st century,
9 was commissioned on March 16, 1984, and

10 WHEREAS, the USCGC Tampa is a multi-mission ship with five
11 primary missions: maritime law enforcement, search and rescue,
12 maritime homeland security, national defense, and international
13 engagement, and

14 WHEREAS, the USCGC Tampa operates primarily in the littoral
15 waters of the United States and throughout the Caribbean to
16 ensure maritime homeland security and enforce drug, immigration,
17 fisheries, customs, and environmental laws, and

18 WHEREAS, the USCGC Tampa is a front-line unit in the
19 nation's "War on Drugs" and has seized numerous drug smuggling
20 vessels, and

21 WHEREAS, in 1994, the USCGC Tampa was involved with the
22 rescue and return of several thousand Haitians and Cubans during
23 mass migrations, and

24 WHEREAS, In 2004, the USCGC Tampa deployed to the
25 Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea in support of the U.S.
26 European Command and conducted training with numerous friends
27 and allies in the region, and

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28 WHEREAS, In September 2005, following the devastating
29 landfall of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast of the United
30 States, the USCGC Tampa acted as gatekeeper at the mouth of the
31 Mississippi, ensuring the safety and movement of commerce from
32 offshore, and then later moved upriver to ensure the safety and
33 security of ports and waterways and support rescue and recovery
34 operations in downtown New Orleans, and

35 WHEREAS, In 2008 the USCGC Tampa took part in two
36 humanitarian relief missions, providing supplies to Haiti in the
37 aftermath of several devastating hurricanes, and

38 WHEREAS, the USCGC Tampa's motto is "Honor, Respect,
39 Devotion to Duty," and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the State of Florida
41 recognizes the thousands of nautical miles the USCGC Tampa has
42 patrolled off the coast of this state in fulfilling the mission
43 of keeping Floridians safe, NOW, 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 of the State of Florida
49 hereby recognizes the United States Coast Guard Cutter Tampa on
50 the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its commission.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to the officers and crew of the United States Coast
53 Guard Cutter Tampa as a tangible token of the sentiments
54 expressed herein.