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House Resolution

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2 A resolution congratulating Erica White for being the
3 first woman from Jacksonville to be drafted by the Women's
4 National Basketball Association.

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6 WHEREAS, Jean Ribault High School in Jacksonville has long
7 been recognized for its winning tradition in both girls' and
8 boys' basketball, and

9 WHEREAS, the Jean Ribault High School Girls' Basketball
10 Team continued this tradition of athletic excellence with the
11 help of the then McDonald's All-American, Erica White, who led
12 the high school to three consecutive state championships from
13 2001 to 2003, and

14 WHEREAS, following her graduation from Jean Ribault High
15 School, Erica White attended Louisiana State University, where
16 she played for the Lady Tigers' basketball team and helped the
17 Tigers reach the Final Four during each of her four college
18 seasons, and

19 WHEREAS, the Jacksonville native made history in 2008 as
20 the first woman selected from that proud city into the Women's
21 National Basketball Association, taken by the Houston Comets as
22 the 17th overall pick of only 42 selections among 14 WNBA teams,
23 and

24 WHEREAS, having spent the 2008-2009 offseason overseas
25 playing professionally in Netanya, Israel, Erica White will
26 return to the United States to continue her successful career
27 playing for the WNBA's Indiana Fever, NOW, THEREFORE,
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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
30 | Florida:

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32 | That the Florida House of Representatives commends Erica
33 | White for her many athletic accomplishments and congratulates
34 | her on being the first woman from Jacksonville to be drafted by
35 | the Women's National Basketball Association.

36 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
37 | presented to Erica White and to the Jean Ribault High School
38 | Athletic Department as a tangible token of the sentiments
39 | expressed herein.