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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring and congratulating the 2008 Tampa  
3 Bay Rays baseball team on winning their first American  
4 League East title and American League Championship Series.

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6 WHEREAS, the 2008 Tampa Bay Rays team amassed 97 victories,  
7 the most games the team had won in its ten-year history, and  
8 achieved the first winning season in the team's history, and

9 WHEREAS, in its 2008 awards, the Baseball Writers'  
10 Association of America named Tampa Bay Rays' manager, Joe  
11 Maddon, American League Manager of the Year and Tampa Bay Rays'  
12 third baseman, Evan Longoria, American League Rookie of the  
13 Year, and

14 WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Rays' first baseman, Carlos Peña,  
15 received the 2008 American League Rawlings Gold Glove Award, and

16 WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Rays hit the most home runs of any  
17 team in its first playoff, and

18 WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Rays inspired the song "It's All Up  
19 To You," which was written and recorded by Kevin Costner's band,  
20 Modern West, to honor and support the team, and

21 WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Rays are active in the community,  
22 participating in the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and are a corporate  
23 partner with Campbell Park Elementary School, and

24 WHEREAS, Team Manager Joe Maddon personally shopped for,  
25 prepared, and served a traditional Italian holiday feast for  
26 hundreds of needy citizens at Salvation Army shelters at the  
27 third annual Thanksmas, and

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28 WHEREAS, after winning their first American League East  
29 title, the Tampa Bay Rays defeated the defending World Series  
30 Champion Boston Red Sox in the 2008 American League Championship  
31 Series, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 Florida:

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36 That the Florida House of Representatives hereby honors and  
37 congratulates the 2008 Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Team for winning  
38 its first American League Championship and extends best wishes  
39 to the Tampa Bay Rays for continued success in the years to  
40 come.