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House Resolution

A resolution commending the members of the Florida High School Athletic Association for producing student athlete football players who excel on the high school and collegiate levels.

WHEREAS, the Florida High School Athletic Association, the official governing body for interscholastic athletics in the state, is composed of member schools who work cooperatively to provide opportunities for high school student athletes to participate in interscholastic athletic programs, and

WHEREAS, Florida high school student athletes Matt Elam, Chaz Green, Christian Jones, Lamarcus Joyner, Corey Lemonier, Jeff Luc, Ivan McCartney, and Jaylen Watkins comprised 8 of the top 50 ranked high school football recruits in the nation, and

WHEREAS, 152 collegiate student athlete football players from Florida competed for various schools across the country in NCAA conference championship title games in 2009: 24 representing Central Michigan University and Ohio University in the Marathon MAC Championship Game, 11 representing East Carolina University and the University of Houston in the Conference USA Championship Game, 83 representing the University of Alabama and the University of Florida in the Southeastern Conference Title Game, 3 representing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Big Twelve Championship Game, and 31 representing the Georgia Institute of Technology and Clemson University in the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship Game, and

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WHEREAS, in 2009, 63 student athletes from Florida represented the highest ranking teams in various athletic conferences throughout the nation: 7 representing the University of Cincinnati, 8 representing the Ohio State University, 18 representing the United States Naval Academy, 1 representing the University of Oregon, 27 representing Troy University, and 2 representing Boise State University, and

WHEREAS, Floridians Javier Arenas, Terrence Cody, P.J. Fitzgerald, Star Jackson, Marquis Johnson, Mike Johnson, Colin Peek, Trent Richardson, Chris Rogers, Edd Stinson, Roy Upchurch, and Nick Williams were members of the University of Alabama's 2010 Bowl Championship Series Championship team, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the Florida House of Representatives proudly commends the members of the Florida High School Athletic Association for producing student athlete football players who excel on the high school and collegiate levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Florida High School Athletic Association as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.