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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding achievements in educational leadership of Cynthia Phillips-Luster and Priscilla Ribeiro and congratulating them on their recognition as the Florida Department of Education's Achievement Award winners for 2010.

WHEREAS, schools need highly effective principals and assistant principals in order to promote and lead successful students and schools, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education's Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership was established in 1988 to recognize exemplary principals for their contributions to their schools and communities, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education's Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award was established in 1997 to recognize exemplary assistant principals for their contributions to a successful learning environment, and

WHEREAS, these programs honor school leaders who consistently organize and carry out initiatives that increase student performance, promote safe schools, and establish partnerships with parents and community members, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education presented the 2010 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership to Cynthia Phillips-Luster, of James Stephens International Academy in Lee County, a school that serves more than 700 students in grades K-8, and

WHEREAS, Principal Phillips-Luster is a leader who honors

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diversity, can solve complex problems related to the educational process, has mastered the use of technology in retrieving data to make important decisions about learning for all students, and has led her teachers and students to ever-increasing levels of achievement, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education presented the 2010 Assistant Principal Achievement Award to Priscilla Ribeiro, of Cypress Bay High School in Broward County, a school that serves more than 3,700 students in grades 9-12, and

WHEREAS, Assistant Principal Ribeiro is dedicated to children, committed to equity and access for all students so that they may achieve their highest goals, possesses superior interpersonal skills with all stakeholders in the community, shows compassion for students and adults, has the ability to motivate the faculty and students, incorporates innovative programs, and maintains a sense of accountability in all of her work, and

WHEREAS, the Principal and Assistant Principal recognition programs raise awareness of these extraordinary individuals and elevate their standing in their communities and schools, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That, on behalf of the residents of this state, the House of Representatives recognizes and congratulates Cynthia Phillips-Luster and Priscilla Ribeiro on their selection by the

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Florida Department of Education as the 2010 Achievement Award winners for outstanding leadership in education.

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