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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 4, 2013, as "Guardian
3 ad Litem Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, guardian ad litem volunteers represent the best
6 interests of abused and neglected children involved in
7 dependency court proceedings, and

8 WHEREAS, there are more than 9,000 talented and dedicated
9 guardian ad litem volunteers in this state, and

10 WHEREAS, studies show that children who have volunteer
11 guardians ad litem receive more services and are half as likely
12 to return to foster care, and

13 WHEREAS, a guardian ad litem volunteer not only advocates
14 for a child's best interests but also serves as an educational
15 advocate and mentor, and

16 WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, guardian ad litem
17 volunteers have enhanced communities in this state through
18 public and private partnerships that facilitate the provision of
19 vital services to children, and

20 WHEREAS, the Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program
21 received the 2012 Prudential-Davis Productivity Eagle Award,
22 which honors guardian ad litem volunteers for outstanding
23 achievements in productivity while saving money for taxpayers
24 and businesses, and

25 WHEREAS, guardian ad litem volunteers strive to achieve
26 permanency for children in the dependency system, and their work
27 has been recognized by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption
28 Institute through its Angels in Adoption Award, and

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29 WHEREAS, as recipients of the Angels in Adoption Award,
30 guardian ad litem volunteers are recognized nationwide for
31 excellence in finding forever families for children in the
32 foster care system, and

33 WHEREAS, Florida Trend Magazine described the work of
34 guardian ad litem volunteers as "an elegant combination of
35 effectiveness and accountability, of individuals joining hands
36 with government to give a voice to innocent kids who are
37 suffering through no fault of their own," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the volunteers of the Florida Statewide Guardian ad
43 Litem Program are congratulated for being awarded the 2012
44 Prudential-Davis Productivity Eagle Award as well as the
45 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in
46 Adoption Award and that, in recognition of their
47 accomplishments, April 4, 2013, is designated as "Guardian ad
48 Litem Day" in the State of Florida.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to Alan Abramowitz, executive director of the Florida
51 Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program, as a tangible token of the
52 sentiments expressed herein.