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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the
3 Florida Highway Patrol.
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5 WHEREAS, established in 1939 and placed under the direction
6 of Colonel H. Neil Kirkman, the Florida Highway Patrol has
7 served the citizens of Florida for 75 years under the motto
8 "Service, Courtesy, and Protection," and

9 WHEREAS, the Florida Highway Patrol's first recruit class
10 consisted of 32 graduates, and by the end of its first full year
11 of operation in 1940, its membership had grown to 59 troopers,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, that same year, troopers patrolled over 1.9
14 million miles of roadway and investigated 1,000 traffic
15 accidents in a state with fewer than 2 million residents, and

16 WHEREAS, in 2013, among Florida's 19 million residents and
17 more than 90 million annual visitors, troopers patrolled over 31
18 million miles of roadway and investigated 211,044 traffic
19 accidents, and

20 WHEREAS, known as Florida's Finest, the members of the
21 Florida Highway Patrol tirelessly uphold the motto established
22 by Colonel Kirkman, providing service, courtesy, and protection
23 while ensuring the safety and welfare of Florida's residents and
24 visitors each and every day on the roadways of this state, NOW,
25 THEREFORE,

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

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30 That the Florida Highway Patrol is congratulated on its
31 75th anniversary, and its current, retired, and auxiliary
32 troopers are extended heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable
33 service to the State of Florida.