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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 3, 2015, as "Navy
3 Reserve Centennial Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, on March 3, 1915, the United States Navy Reserve
6 was officially established by combining 17 state naval militias
7 into a single federal force, and

8 WHEREAS, ten out of eleven Sailors in the Navy during World
9 War II were Naval Reservists, which made possible the rapid
10 expansion of the United States Navy into the largest naval force
11 the world has ever known, with approximately 3.3 million
12 Sailors, including five future Presidents of the United States,
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Navy Reserve is an essential element of the
15 United States Navy, with Sailors providing global operational
16 support to fleet and combatant commanders using skill sets honed
17 through both military and civilian training, and

18 WHEREAS, through their breadth and depth of experience,
19 Naval Reservists enhance operational readiness, provide
20 strategic depth, and increase the overall strength of the force,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Florida hosts Navy Operational Support Centers in
23 Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami, Orlando, Pensacola, Tallahassee, and
24 West Palm Beach, accounting for 55 percent of the Navy Region
25 Southeast Reserve Force, and

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26 WHEREAS, Navy Operational Support Centers in Florida
 27 provide military funeral honors to 64 percent of the more than
 28 3,600 United States Navy funerals annually in this state, and

29 WHEREAS, the Navy Region Southeast Reserve Component
 30 Command in Jacksonville is responsible for delivering
 31 operational capability and strategic depth to the Navy, Marine
 32 Corps, and Joint Forces by ensuring the readiness of more than
 33 8,600 reservists at 19 commands in five states and Puerto Rico,
 34 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That in honor of the significant contributions and
 40 consistent readiness of the United States Navy Reserve and to
 41 gratefully acknowledge the steadfast and faithful service in the
 42 past 100 years of its dedicated Sailors, March 3, 2015 is
 43 designated as "Navy Reserve Centennial Day" in the State of
 44 Florida.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 46 presented to Rear Admiral Valerie K. Huegel, Commander, Navy
 47 Expeditionary Logistics Support Group and Flag Sponsor to Navy
 48 Operational Support Center, Tallahassee, as a tangible token of
 49 the sentiments expressed herein.