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House Resolution A resolution designating the week of November 13-19, 2016, as "Florida Storytelling Week." WHEREAS, storytelling is a valuable method of sharing Florida folklore and contributes to the preservation of the history of our state, and WHEREAS, storytelling embraces the heritage and oral tradition of diverse cultures within our state, enabling all Floridians to celebrate the strength of community in the richness of diversity, and WHEREAS, storytelling promotes literacy and character development among the youth of our state while encouraging mastery of language arts and knowledge of the history and folklore of Florida as students learn, tell, and listen to stories in school or community settings, and WHEREAS, storytelling fosters communication, tolerance, and understanding among Florida citizens of every age and background, and WHEREAS, the Florida Storytelling Association, Inc., consisting of numerous storytellers in all regions of the state, serves to preserve, perpetuate, and promote storytelling in Florida by educating storytellers and encouraging the art of storytelling, NOW, THEREFORE,

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26 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 27 Florida: 28 29 That the House of Representatives commends the Florida 30 Storytelling Association, Inc., and designates the week of 31 November 13-19, 2016, as "Florida Storytelling Week."