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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Tammy Jerkins as the 2018
3 Florida Teacher of the Year.

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5 WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins is a secondary mathematics teacher
6 at Leesburg High School in Lake County, and

7 WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins was born in Leesburg and graduated
8 from Leesburg High School in 1977 as valedictorian of her class,
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10 WHEREAS, her love of teaching and mathematics inspired her
11 to pursue a career in secondary education, and

12 WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins was named Lake County Teacher of the
13 Year in 2017 after teaching in the classroom for 17 years, 13 of
14 which were at Leesburg High School, and

15 WHEREAS, each year the Department of Education recognizes
16 the Florida Teacher of the Year to celebrate excellence in
17 education and honor a Florida educator whose hard work and
18 dedication has contributed to the success of Florida's students,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, known to go the extra mile for her students, Tammy
21 Jerkins is devoted to helping all students, checking on them
22 when absent, attending sporting events and performances,
23 arriving early, staying late, tutoring during her lunch hours,
24 and with the support of her church, organizing school supplies
25 and food drives to help children and their families in need, and

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26 WHEREAS, on July 13, 2017, Tammy Jerkins was selected as
27 the 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year for her commitment to her
28 students, leadership in and out of the classroom, and her
29 advancement of student learning, and

30 WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins was recognized for her achievements
31 at the Macy's-sponsored gala by Governor Rick Scott, First Lady
32 Ann Scott, and Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart, and

33 WHEREAS, as the recipient of the 2018 Teacher of the Year
34 award, Tammy Jerkins is serving a one-year term as the Christa
35 McAuliffe Ambassador for Education, representing the Department
36 of Education and teachers across the state, and

37 WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins has been a tireless advocate for her
38 students and an active and involved educator, and

39 WHEREAS, Tammy Jerkins hopes to inspire future generations
40 of teachers through her advocacy efforts, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That Tammy Jerkins is honored for her outstanding
46 achievement as the 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
48 presented to Tammy Jerkins as a tangible token of the sentiments
49 expressed herein.