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2020

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Okaloosa County Sheriff's  
3 Office School Resource Officer program for being  
4 awarded the 2019 Florida School Officer of the Year  
5 and Florida Agency of the Year.

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7 WHEREAS, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office School  
8 Resource Officer program began in 1997 when the office partnered  
9 with the Okaloosa County School Board to place officers in the  
10 county's middle and high schools and today every public school  
11 in the county has an officer in it, and

12 WHEREAS, the officers serving in the School Resource  
13 Officer program continue to exemplify the highest standards,  
14 proving to be the most diverse, dedicated, and fit officers who  
15 are steadfast and dedicated to protecting the students of  
16 Okaloosa County, and

17 WHEREAS, throughout the years, officers serving in the  
18 School Resource Officer program have earned awards and honors as  
19 a result of their diligent and faithful service, including, but  
20 not limited to, Deputy Gary Venuti who was named the 2012  
21 Florida School Resource Officer of the Year, Deputy Demeika  
22 McClendon who was named the 2017 Florida School Resource Officer  
23 of the Year, and Deputy Cullen Coraine who was named the 2019  
24 Florida School Resource Officer of the Year by the Attorney  
25 General of Florida, and

26 WHEREAS, in both 2014 and 2019, the Okaloosa County  
 27 Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer program was named  
 28 Florida Agency of the Year by the Florida Association of School  
 29 Resource Officers, and

30 WHEREAS, in 2015, the program was named a School Resource  
 31 Officer National Model Agency by the National Association of  
 32 School Resource Officers, and

33 WHEREAS, the officers of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's  
 34 Office School Resource Officer program have continually  
 35 demonstrated that excellence in service and unwavering  
 36 dedication are the standards to which they aspire while  
 37 protecting the children of the Okaloosa County School District,  
 38 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 43 That the officers of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office  
 44 School Resource Officer program are recognized for their  
 45 excellence in service and dedication to protecting the students  
 46 of this state.