HR 8037 2022

1 House Resolution

A resolution commending the Tampa Bay Lightning for their outstanding performance in the 2020-2021 National Hockey League season and winning the Stanley Cup.

WHEREAS, in Game 5 of the 2021 Stanley Cup Finals, the Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the Montreal Canadiens by a score of 1-0 at Amalie Arena in Tampa, and

WHEREAS, over its 29 seasons, the Tampa Bay Lightning has made the Stanley Cup playoffs 13 times and advanced to the Stanley Cup Finals four times, where it has won three championships, and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Lightning won back-to-back titles in 2020 and 2021, making it the first team to do so since the Pittsburgh Penguins in 2016 and 2017 and including it in an elite group of fewer than 10 other franchises to accomplish such a feat, and

WHEREAS, at a private team event on October 21, 2021, each member of the Tampa Bay Lightning was honored with the presentation of a spectacular championship ring in recognition of these two consecutive victories, boldly commemorating the team's place in Stanley Cup history, and

HR 8037 2022

WHEREAS, since the start of the 2014-2015 season, no other National Hockey League team has won more regular season or playoff games than the Tampa Bay Lightning, and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Lightning's 2021 Stanley Cup victory brings to Tampa Bay and the State of Florida the oldest professional sports trophy in North America, which was named after Lord Stanley of Preston and is among the most famous trophies in the sporting world, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Tampa Bay Lightning players, coaches, managers, and owners are recognized and congratulated for winning the 2021 Stanley Cup, making Tampa Bay, for the third time, the home of the best professional ice hockey team in North America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Tampa Bay Lightning as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.