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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Jacksonville Jaguars  
football team.

WHEREAS, in Chicago, Illinois, at 4:12 p.m., Eastern  
Time, on November 30, 1993, Jacksonville, Florida, was awarded  
the 30th franchise in the National Football League, and

WHEREAS, since September 3, 1995, when the Jacksonville  
Jaguars played their inaugural game in the Jacksonville  
Municipal Stadium against the Houston Oilers, Jacksonville has  
become passionate with Jaguars fever, boasting the greatest  
football fans in the nation, and

WHEREAS, in the 1996 regular season, the Jacksonville  
Jaguars ranked second in the NFL in offense, and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Jaguars became the NFL's  
first second-year team ever to win two playoff games, scoring  
60 points, the most points scored by any NFL team in its first  
two postseason games, and

WHEREAS, the Jaguars became the first team ever to beat  
the Buffalo Bills at Rich Stadium in the playoffs and only the  
second team to defeat the Denver Broncos at Mile High Stadium  
in the playoffs, and

WHEREAS, advancing to the AFC Championship game and  
ending its second season just one game short of the Super  
Bowl, the Jacksonville Jaguars have become one of the elite  
teams in the NFL, and

WHEREAS, the Jaguars Foundation has led the NFL in  
community efforts, including grantmaking, the Playbooks  
reading program, its youth anti-smoking initiative, the  
"Straight Talk" effort to reduce teen pregnancy, holiday food

1 drives, and the unique Honor Rows Program that uses seats as  
2 incentives for youth to earn their way to home games, and  
3           WHEREAS, the Jaguars Foundation programs have been  
4 nationally recognized in The New York Times, Osgood File radio  
5 show, and "Grantmakers in Health" and have received the  
6 Governor's Community Investment Award and WTLV Channel 12 "Top  
7 of the Class" Award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12           That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes  
13 and congratulates the Jacksonville Jaguars on the team's  
14 impressive accomplishments during its first two years of  
15 competition in the National Football League.

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