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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Florida High School Athletic Association for its promotion of interscholastic athletic programs and the well-being of its student participants.

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WHEREAS, the Florida High School Athletic Association was founded on April 9, 1920, by a group of 29 high school principals, and

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WHEREAS, in 1997, the Legislature gave the FHSAA statutory recognition as the official governing body for interscholastic athletics in Florida, and

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WHEREAS, for over 90 years, the FHSAA, through the cooperative efforts of its member schools, has provided opportunities for high school students to participate on a fair and equitable basis in interscholastic athletic programs, providing vital educational benefits, and

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WHEREAS, in the last 5 years, student athletic participation in the FHSAA's 748 member schools has increased by 23,313, for a total of 242,353 participating students, and

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WHEREAS, the FHSAA has recently added state series competitions in boys and girls water polo, competitive cheerleading, and lacrosse, and

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WHEREAS, annually, the FHSAA recognizes 12 boys and 12 girls as members of the Academic All-State team and awards each honoree \$1,000 and a medallion, and

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WHEREAS, additionally, the FHSAA annually chooses one boy and one girl as the Scholar-Athletes of the Year, awarding each athlete an additional \$3,000 and a trophy, and

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WHEREAS, the FHSAA also presents an Academic Team Champion Award in the fall, winter, and spring seasons to the teams in each classification that have earned the highest grade point average, and

WHEREAS, the average GPA for the 2009-2010 Academic Team Champion Award winners was 3.96, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida High School Athletic Association is recognized and congratulated on promoting the physical, mental, and moral welfare of high school students through its supervision, control, and promotion of interscholastic athletic programs.