

State of Florida

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



House Resolution 9001

By Representative Harrell

A resolution recognizing Bessey Creek Elementary School as a "National School of Character."

WHEREAS, at its eleventh National Forum in Houston, Texas, on October 22, 2004, the Character Education Partnership of Washington, D.C., designated Bessey Creek Elementary School of Palm City, Florida, as a "National School of Character," and

WHEREAS, Bessey Creek Elementary School, under the leadership of Principal Victoria Defenthaler, not only upholds high academic standards, but works diligently to provide its children with character education of the highest quality, as evidenced, for example, by its use of Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline Program to teach the Character Counts! Six Pillars of: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship, and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff have implemented the school's vision statement "using innovative pathways to awaken academic, social/emotional, and physical excellence for every child," taking the initiative to learn and apply new information in order to positively affect the lives of the students, and

WHEREAS, the parents have faithfully attended workshops on Conscious Discipline, earning the National PTA's "Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification," and

WHEREAS, the students themselves have demonstrated an eagerness to learn new skills in order to resolve conflicts and foster a caring community, and

WHEREAS, Bessey Creek Elementary School is most appropriately recognized as a national model, an outstanding example for developing character education that other schools may well look to and follow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives proudly endorses the Character Education Partnership of Washington, D.C., in its choice of Bessey Creek Elementary School as a "National School of Character" and commends the entire Bessey Creek Elementary School Family as a very worthy recipient of this prestigious designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Victoria Defenthaler, Principal of Bessey Creek Elementary School, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

This is to certify the foregoing was adopted by publication in the Journal on March 29, 2005.



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Allan G. Bense, Speaker

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John B. Phelps, Clerk