Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask this body to join with me in saluting, Dr. Walter L. Smith, a giant among men, a great Floridian, and indeed, truly a great American.

Dr. Smith, upon his retirement. He has truly lived his whole life with a high-minded purpose in mind. He has taken young men and women and instilled confidence and pride in them to the extent that those lessons are never forgotten.

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Dr. Smith has always believed that the vast majority of our nation's children can be good students who will become good citizens. They are intelligent and they are longing for knowledge. He has also always insisted that society cannot, and should not, forget that small minority of students who are not “good” students or citizens. He's believed that we cannot just cast those few children, who simply lack proper leadership, out in to the cold solitude of ignorance. Rather he believes that it is these few, who we as a society, must truly concentrate upon. Dr. Smith has taught us all that it is our responsibility as role models to keep our youth on the right path—in schools, in class, and involved.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Walter L. Smith, upon his retirement. He has truly lived the life of a model citizen and he has earned the right to say that he's made a difference.

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