

By Senator Latvala

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, on the occasion of the 29th Annual Florida Law Enforcement Memorial Service and paying tribute to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, includes promoting impartial enforcement of the law and enhancing the efficiency of the police profession in order to increase the confidence of the public in members of the profession, and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, annually recognizes Florida law enforcement officers and federal officers assigned to Florida who are killed in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, the annual memorial service of the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, is held at the Florida Law Enforcement Memorial Monument, which is located on the grounds of the Florida Capitol and contains the names of fallen law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2011, the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, will honor these officers who died in 2010: Wesley Richard Whitmore, Jr., Polk County Sheriff's Office; Brandon L. Coates, Orange County Sheriff's Office; Mark A. Longway, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; David L. Curtis and Jeffrey A. Kocab, Tampa Police Department; Melissa J. Powers, Monroe County Sheriff's Office; Patrick Ambroise, Florida Highway Patrol; Chad A. Reed, Sr., Dixie County

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30 Sheriff's Office; and James Louis Anderson, St. Johns County
31 Sheriff's Office, and

32 WHEREAS, these special men and women were dedicated to the
33 protection of life and property and sacrificed their lives for
34 their communities and for all Floridians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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38 That the members of the Senate pay tribute to Wesley
39 Richard Whitmore, Jr., Brandon L. Coates, Mark A. Longway, David
40 L. Curtis, Jeffrey A. Kocab, Melissa J. Powers, Patrick
41 Ambroise, Chad A. Reed, Sr., and James Louis Anderson and convey
42 our deepest sympathy to their families, friends, and colleagues
43 on the occasion of the 29th Annual Florida Law Enforcement
44 Memorial Service.