

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame;
 3 creating s. 265.004, F.S.; providing legislative
 4 intent; establishing the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame;
 5 providing for administration by the Florida Tourism
 6 Industry Marketing Corporation; designating a location
 7 for the display of inductee plaques; providing
 8 procedures for nomination, selection, and induction of
 9 members; providing that a person inducted before a
 10 certain date remains in the Hall of Fame; providing an
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15 Section 1. Section 265.004, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 265.004 Florida Tourism Hall of Fame.—

18 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and
 19 honor those persons, living or dead, who through their work
 20 within the tourism industry have made significant contributions
 21 to the economic climate and the well-being of the residents of
 22 this state.

23 (2) There is established the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame.

24 (a) The Florida Tourism Hall of Fame is administered by
 25 the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation without
 26 appropriation of state funds.

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27 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside
28 an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building and shall
29 consult with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation
30 regarding the design and theme of the area.

31 (c) Each person who is inducted into the Florida Tourism
32 Hall of Fame shall have his or her name and image placed on a
33 plaque displayed in the designated area of the Capitol Building,
34 which plaque shall designate the member's discipline or
35 contribution and any vital information relating to the member.

36 (3) The Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation
37 shall establish selection criteria for induction into the
38 Florida Tourism Hall of Fame and shall annually accept
39 nominations.

40 (a) In selecting its nominees for submission to the board
41 of directors of the corporation, the corporation shall give
42 preference to tourism industry leaders who were born in Florida
43 or adopted Florida as their home state and who have made a
44 significant contribution to the state's travel and tourism
45 industry.

46 (b) The corporation may establish criteria and set
47 specific timeframes for the acceptance and consideration of
48 nominations and may establish a formal induction ceremony to
49 coincide with the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism.

50 (c) A person inducted into the Florida Tourism Hall of
51 Fame administered by the corporation before July 1, 2014, shall
52 remain in the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.