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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending Jack and Ruth Eckerd
for their contribution to troubled youth
through Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.

WHEREAS, Jack and Ruth Eckerd have provided the means
and opportunities for troubled youth to resume a more
responsible, productive role in their families, schools, and
communities through Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., and

WHEREAS, to meet the ever-increasing needs of Florida's
children and young adults, Jack and Ruth Eckerd were among the
first to join in the public-private partnerships with the
state through Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this relationship has, for more than 25 years,
provided services to emotionally troubled young people, and

WHEREAS, the thousands of lives touched by Jack and
Ruth Eckerd through Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.,
exemplifies their quality and commitment to young people, and

WHEREAS, Jack and Ruth Eckerd's original concept, which
was conceived in Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., has expanded
to 26 programs in seven states benefitting more than 3,000
children, youth, and young adults each day, and

WHEREAS, Jack and Ruth Eckerd are widely recognized as
leaders in services to youth at risk, achieving local, state,
and national acclaim through Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.,
and

WHEREAS, Jack and Ruth Eckerd have given selflessly of
their time, talents, and personal resources to ensure that
youth are given an opportunity to reach their fullest
potential, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That Jack and Ruth Eckerd are commended for their
4 commitment to children and young adults and for their untiring
5 contributions to this state.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution,
7 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jack and
8 Ruth Eckerd as a tangible token of the esteem of the Florida
9 Senate.

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