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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending the Freemasons and Samuel E. Cowan, III, for their contributions to this state.

WHEREAS, Freemasonry began in medieval times and has been organized since the 18th century, and

WHEREAS, Freemasonry was transplanted to the American colonies by English and Irish Masons during the early decades of the 18th century, and, as early as 1734, Benjamin Franklin was the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, III, currently serves as Grand Master of Masons of Florida and is the leader of tens of thousands of Florida Masons and hundreds of thousands of Masons from across the country and around the world who sojourn in this state, and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, III, has also been recognized for service to his community in several capacities outside of Freemasonry, and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, III, has served the Masonic bodies since he was raised to the degree of Master Mason on May 31, 1967, and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, III, has served his fellow man in various capacities within the Masonic bodies of this state, including active membership in Woodstock Park Lodge No. 313, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1977;

Jacksonville York Rite Bodies and Scottish Rite Bodies; Morocco Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; West Jax Shrine Club; Miami Grotto; and Woodstock Park Chapter No. 270, O.E.S., and

WHEREAS, Samuel E. Cowan, III, has served the Grand Lodge of Florida in several capacities before being elected

1 Grand Master, including District Deputy Grand Master of the
2 9th Masonic District, Junior Grand Warden, and member of the
3 1998 Grand Masters' Conference Committee and National Masonic
4 Renewal Committee, and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the Florida
6 Senate pause in its deliberations to honor the Freemasons and
7 Samuel E. Cowan, III, for their contributions to this state,
8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the Florida Senate commends the Freemasons of
13 Florida and Samuel E. Cowan, III, for their contributions to
14 this state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
16 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Samuel E.
17 Cowan, III, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, as a tangible
18 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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