By Senator Bankhead

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing a distinguished delegation of Russians from St. Petersburg, Russia, visiting St. Petersburg, Florida, and our Capital City.

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WHEREAS, former Governor Bob Martinez and Mr. Don Brophy, President and CEO of the DRB Group of St. Petersburg, Florida, have brought a distinguished delegation from St. Petersburg, Russia, for the purpose of visiting modern healthcare facilities in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the delegation, which has come here to foster trust among government and business leaders in the United States and Russia, consists of Mr. Oleg Sergeyev, who is a member of the Duma, the legislature of St. Petersburg, Russia, and Chair of its Health Committee; Mr. Yury Petrov, who is Chair of the St. Petersburg City Health Committee for International Business; Mr. Boris Taits, who is First Deputy of the St. Petersburg City Health Committee; and Mr. Vladimir Y. Shneiderman, who is President and CEO of Med Express, and

WHEREAS, the DRB Group of St. Petersburg, Florida, has a letter of engagement to reform the St. Petersburg, Russia, healthcare system, and, while in the Tampa Bay area, the delegation will meet with health officials at the University of South Florida and Tampa General Hospital, and

WHEREAS, the delegation's visit will strengthen the sisters' city program between St. Petersburg, Russia, and St. Petersburg, Florida; will increase international trade between our countries; and will give the delegation an opportunity to observe how Florida's public institutions function and serve 31 the public, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate commends the Russian delegation and the DRB Group for its exemplary efforts to expand international trade and bring better healthcare to the people of St. Petersburg, Russia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to each member of the Russian delegation as a tangible token of the sentiments and good wishes of the Florida Senate.