

By Senator Bankhead

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution recognizing April 2, 1998, as
3 International Day in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, this state's strategic location provides
6 access to the Americas and the rest of the world, which
7 enables the state to foster international relations, and

8 WHEREAS, the economy of this state generates \$63.7
9 billion in international trade annually, and

10 WHEREAS, this state has the potential and capacity to
11 dramatically expand its activities in international relations
12 and commerce, which are essential to economic growth in this
13 state, and

14 WHEREAS, the development of private and public
15 partnerships is essential to increasing international
16 opportunities for this state, and

17 WHEREAS, the Department of State, in cooperation with
18 other organizations, has organized a program to emphasize the
19 importance of international activities to this state and to
20 stimulate dialogue among persons in the public and private
21 sectors, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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25 That the Florida Senate recognizes April 2, 1998, as
26 International Day in Florida.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leaders in the public
28 and private sectors are encouraged to aggressively pursue
29 opportunities to expand international commerce, education, and
30 mutual understanding for the benefit of the residents of this
31 state.