

By Senator Hargrett

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution honoring Isadore Billy Reed.

WHEREAS, Isadore Billy Reed was a star athlete throughout his high school and college careers, having played football, baseball, and basketball in both high school and college, and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Florida A&M University, Billy Reed, as he is called by most who know him, became a teacher and coach in the Hillsborough County School System, a career to which he devoted his life for more than 40 years, and

WHEREAS, Billy Reed was instrumental in organizing the Belmont Heights Little League, a program that not only has produced outstanding young men, but has achieved international fame, and

WHEREAS, such notable athletes as Dwight Gooden, Gary Sheffield, Carl Everette, Frank Romano, Vance Lovelace, and many others are the product of Billy Reed's commitment to his chosen profession, and

WHEREAS, Billy Reed won more than 400 games as a baseball coach alone and has been inducted into the Walk of Fame, the Florida A&M University Hall of Fame, and the West Coast Rattlers Booster Club's Hillsborough County Wall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, Billy Reed, devoted husband and father, has received many awards, honors, and commendations for his leadership ability, his service to the Tampa Bay community, his dedication to youth, and his contributions to education and sports, and

1 WHEREAS, though retired from his profession, Billy Reed
2 is still active in his community, with an emphasis on youth
3 sports, and it is fitting that he be recognized as an
4 individual who has done much to benefit the children of
5 Hillsborough County and bring honor to the State of Florida,
6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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10 That the Florida Senate pauses in its deliberations to
11 recognize Isadore Billy Reed for his dedication to his
12 profession and to honor him for the positive influence he has
13 had on the lives he has touched.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
15 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Isadore
16 Billy Reed as a token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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