

By Senator Clary

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2           A resolution in recognition of the Gulf Area

3           Garden Club of Fort Walton Beach on the

4           occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

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6           WHEREAS, one of the first organizations to be

7           established in Fort Walton Beach was the Gulf Area Garden

8           Club, and

9           WHEREAS, the Gulf Area Garden Club was formed in 1949

10          and celebrates its 50th year of service on February 14, 1999,

11          and

12          WHEREAS, the only other women's social organization in

13          existence at that time was the Fort Walton Woman's Club,

14          formed approximately one year earlier, and

15          WHEREAS, the population of Fort Walton Beach in 1949

16          was approximately 100, and the two organizations were

17          instrumental in providing many of the social and cultural

18          amenities in the area, and

19          WHEREAS, the Gulf Area Garden Club is affiliated with

20          the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, and

21          WHEREAS, from the beginning, the Gulf Area Garden Club

22          took the lead locally, not only in preserving and enhancing

23          the beauty of the area, but in many aspects of life which

24          called for community leadership, and

25          WHEREAS, while its primary purpose has always been the

26          study and development of gardens, gardening, wildlife, and

27          birds, the club has always taken the lead in programs for

28          improvement of water quality, preservation of beaches and

29          dunes, and enhancement of city-owned property through the use

30          of flowers and trees, and

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1           WHEREAS, for many years the Gulf Area Garden Club's  
2 Annual Flower Show has been one of the highpoints of the year  
3 in Fort Walton Beach, and

4           WHEREAS, plant sales and the distribution of literature  
5 concerning horticulture by the garden club have helped many  
6 newcomers establish beautiful gardens in the very different  
7 climate and soil found in the area, and

8           WHEREAS, the Gulf Area Garden Club has taken its  
9 programs into area schools, with special attention to "Junior  
10 Gardeners," instilling a love of flowers, birds, and  
11 landscapes which will remain with these children for the rest  
12 of their lives, and

13           WHEREAS, members of the Gulf Area Garden Club have  
14 taught the children of the Fort Walton Beach area the science  
15 of plant growth, the secrets of attracting and feeding  
16 butterflies and birds, and the need for maintaining the  
17 natural and landscaped beauty of the area, and

18           WHEREAS, the Brooks-Beal Center, built jointly by the  
19 Garden Club and the Woman's Club on land donated by the Brooks  
20 family to the Gulf Area Garden Club, is shared with the  
21 community as a meeting place for a number of organizations and  
22 churches, and

23           WHEREAS, the Gulf Area Garden Club has called upon the  
24 cities, schools, universities, and other public groups in the  
25 Fort Walton Beach area to plant golden lantana in as many  
26 areas as possible, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of  
27 the club, and

28           WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the Florida  
29 Senate recognize the Gulf Area Garden Club on this, its 50th  
30 Anniversary, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the Florida Senate honors the Gulf Area Garden  
4 Club of Fort Walton Beach for its 50 years of service to the  
5 citizens of the Fort Walton Beach community and surrounding  
6 areas.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
8 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the  
9 president of the Gulf Area Garden Club as a tangible token of  
10 the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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