

By Senator Clary

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See HB

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

2 A resolution in recognition of Dr. John  
3 Dunworth.

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5 WHEREAS, Dr. John Dunworth has served as a classroom  
6 teacher, an assistant principal, a principal, an assistant  
7 superintendent, and a district superintendent of schools, as  
8 well as a professor, dean, and college president, and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Dunworth earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees  
10 from the University of California, and received an Ed.D. in  
11 educational administration and supervision from the University  
12 of Southern California, and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Dunworth has contributed numerous  
14 publications to the educational profession and is well known  
15 as a public speaker, and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. John Dunworth is past president of George  
17 Peabody College for Teachers, where he served from 1974 until  
18 1979, and

19 WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as President of  
20 Peabody College, Dr. Dunworth served for over seven years as  
21 Dean of the Teachers College and Professor of Educational  
22 Administration at Ball State University, one of the largest  
23 teacher education institutions in the United States, and

24 WHEREAS, he has also held the position of Director of  
25 Dependents Schools for the Department of Defense in the  
26 Pacific and Far East, and

27 WHEREAS, following his assignment as the first Dean of  
28 the College of Education at the University of West Florida,  
29 Dr. Dunworth accepted the post of Superintendent of the Santa  
30 Ana Unified School District in California, one of the ten  
31 largest school systems in that state, and

1           WHEREAS, after retirement in 1985 he was invited to  
2 serve as the Jones Distinguished University Professor at  
3 Emporia State University in Kansas, and later as an interim  
4 dean of education in the State University System of  
5 California, and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. John Dunworth recently came to the  
7 forefront of public attention when he volunteered to take over  
8 as the principal of Munson Elementary School in Santa Rosa  
9 County, for the yearly salary of \$1, and

10           WHEREAS, in 1997, Santa Rosa County school  
11 administrators recommended closing Munson Elementary School  
12 because of declining enrollment, dismal test scores, and high  
13 costs, and

14           WHEREAS, when parents put up a fight to keep the  
15 school, the school board decided to give the school one more  
16 chance, and extend the life of the school for another year,  
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18           WHEREAS, it was at that point that Dr. Dunworth took  
19 over as principal of Munson Elementary and turned the school's  
20 fortunes around, and

21           WHEREAS, Munson Elementary now boasts a 15 percent  
22 increase in enrollment, and has added three teachers to its  
23 staff, and

24           WHEREAS, teachers at Munson Elementary focus on  
25 technology and innovative learning methods, and

26           WHEREAS, with 84 computers in the school, the school  
27 has the highest ratio of computers to students in the school  
28 district, and

29           WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Dunworth's  
30 successor, Principal David Johnson, Munson Elementary School  
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1 is now working on a program to begin placing computers in  
2 students' homes, and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John Dunworth's selfless contribution to  
4 the success of the Munson Elementary School should serve as an  
5 example, not just to educators and school administrators, but  
6 to people in all fields of endeavor, and

7 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the Florida  
8 Senate honor Dr. John Dunworth, 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 honors Dr. John Dunworth for  
13 his outstanding career as an educator and for his  
14 contributions to the Munson Elementary School in Santa Rosa  
15 County.

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