

By Senator Grant

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A resolution honoring Dr. Carl M. Kuttler, Jr.,  
3           President, St. Petersburg Junior College,  
4           recipient of the National Chief Executive  
5           Officer Award.  
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7           WHEREAS, Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., has for 20 years served  
8           as President of St. Petersburg Junior College, and  
9           WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has led the community college into  
10          achieving high national rankings, including second in  
11          Associate in Arts degrees granted, third in Associate in  
12          Nursing degrees granted, second in Associate degrees in Health  
13          Professions and Related Sciences granted, sixth in total  
14          Associate degrees granted, and a position among the top 10 in  
15          minority-student success rates, even though the SPJC ranks  
16          only 46th in enrollment, and  
17          WHEREAS, he has initiated or helped to develop several  
18          innovative programs, including the nation's first Applied  
19          Ethics program as a requirement for graduation, and  
20          WHEREAS, this CEO has demonstrated a caring attitude in  
21          many ways, such as calling each of the college's 1,000  
22          full-time employees on their respective birthdays and sending  
23          each of them a card, establishing an employee recognition  
24          program, and sending a letter to each student who is among the  
25          top 3 percent in academic achievement, and  
26          WHEREAS, he has been active in developing, organizing,  
27          and supporting state and national 2-year postsecondary  
28          education associations, for instance, by co-sponsoring with  
29          former President Jimmy Carter a national leadership conference  
30          entitled "The Role of Community Colleges in Shaping the  
31          Nation," and by co-sponsoring with former President Gerald

1 Ford a national leadership conference called "Workforce 2000,"  
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3 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has also served with distinction  
4 on technical and special committees relating to 2-year  
5 postsecondary education, among them the Florida Risk  
6 Management Consortium of the Florida Council of Presidents, of  
7 which he was chairman in 1997 and 1998, and

8 WHEREAS, he has exercised visionary leadership, by  
9 successfully lobbying for a tax referendum that produced  
10 several million dollars to pay for vital equipment; by  
11 parlaying an \$11.2 million gift of land and facilities, which  
12 was received from Allstate Insurance Company in 1988, into  
13 more than \$30 million in state and federal grants and  
14 contracts to build a thriving Southeastern Public Safety  
15 Institute that is unsurpassed in the nation as a community  
16 college program center; and by building partnerships with  
17 Unisys, Digital, Apple, Allstate, Chrysler, Leningrad (now St.  
18 Petersburg) University, and Baoji (China) University, and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has published numerous  
20 professional articles and books and has received many awards,  
21 which include being named "Father of the Community College  
22 System" in post-war Russia and receiving a mahogany rocking  
23 chair from his college family for his outstanding support of  
24 faculty initiatives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That the Florida Senate commends Dr. Carl M. Kuttler,  
29 Jr., for the superlative leadership he has shown during 20  
30 years as President of the St. Petersburg Junior College, and  
31 especially wishes to recognize the honor Dr. Kuttler has

1 brought to his educational institution, his city, and this  
2 state, as the 1998 recipient of the Regional Chief Executive  
3 Officer Award bestowed by the Association of Community College  
4 Trustees.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
6 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the St.  
7 Petersburg Junior College and to President Carl M. Kuttler,  
8 Jr., as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
9 Senate.

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