By Senator Brown-Waite

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1   Senate Resolution No. _____

2   A resolution recognizing the week of March

3   14-20, 1999, as Juvenile Justice Week.

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5   WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Department of Juvenile

6   Justice envision a safer Florida where people experience the

7   benefits of life resulting from a reduced risk of harm caused

8   by juvenile delinquency, and

9   WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Department of Juvenile

10 Justice are committed to a balanced approach to addressing

11 juvenile crime, and

12   WHEREAS, preventing younger juveniles from entering

13 into or progressing further into the juvenile justice system

14 requires that special effort be directed towards prevention

15 and intervention programs and also requires the support of the

16 Legislature, law enforcement agencies, other state agencies,

17 businesses, and local communities and organizations, and

18   WHEREAS, within the 10-year period between 1988 and

19 1998, the state's 10-year-old to 17-year-old population

20 increased by 21 percent while the volume of children entering

21 the juvenile justice system increased by 52 percent, and

22   WHEREAS, the population growth for the 10-year-old to

23 17-year-old age group is projected to be 13 percent over the

24 next 10 years, and

25   WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Department of Juvenile

26 Justice are committed to reducing the juvenile crime rate,

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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1   That the Florida Senate recognizes the week of March
2 14-20, 1999, as Juvenile Justice Week and urges the support
3 and participation of all citizens in making a conscious effort
4 to prevent juvenile crime.
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