

By Senator Forman

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution commending the Freemasons and
3 Jacque A. Couture, for their contributions to
4 this state.
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6 WHEREAS, Freemasonry began in medieval times and has
7 been organized since the 18th century, and
8 WHEREAS, Freemasonry was transplanted to the American
9 colonies by English and Irish Masons during the early decades
10 of the 18th century, and, as early as 1734, Benjamin Franklin
11 was the Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and
12 WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture currently serves as Grand
13 Master of Masons of Florida and is the leader of tens of
14 thousands of Florida Masons and hundreds of thousands of
15 Masons from across the country and around the world who
16 sojourn in this state, and
17 WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture has also been recognized for
18 service to his community in several capacities outside of
19 Freemasonry, and
20 WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture has served the Masonic
21 bodies since he was raised to the degree of Master Mason on
22 July 31, 1972, and
23 WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture has served his fellow man in
24 various capacities within the Masonic bodies of this state,
25 including active membership in Composite Lodge No. 293, where
26 he served as Worshipful Master; Orlando York Rite Bodies and
27 Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Orlando; Bahia Temple,
28 A.A.O.N.M.S.; Orlando High Twelve No. 635; and Composite
29 Chapter No. 305, O.E.S., and
30 WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture has served the youth in his
31 community through years of service to the Order of DeMolay,

1 including serving as Chapter Dad for Bahia Chapter, and
2 currently is an honorary member of the International Supreme
3 Council of DeMolay, and

4 WHEREAS, Jacque A. Couture has served the Grand Lodge
5 of Florida in several capacities before being elected Grand
6 Master, including as District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th
7 Masonic District, Junior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Deacon,
8 and Junior Grand Warden, and

9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the Florida
10 Senate pause in its deliberations to honor the Freemasons and
11 Jacque A. Couture for their contributions to this state, NOW,
12 THEREFORE,

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

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16 That the Florida Senate commends the Freemasons of
17 Florida and Jacque A. Couture for their contributions to this
18 state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
20 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jacque A.
21 Couture, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, as a tangible
22 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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