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

A resolution commending the New York Yankees for winning the 1998 World Series and for their contributions to the State Of Florida.

WHEREAS, Major League Baseball's New York Yankees are owned by George M. Steinbrenner, a productive and valued resident of the City of Tampa, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Yankees, 24-time World Champions, conduct their annual spring training in the City of Tampa as well as maintaining in Tampa their year-round player development training facility for both their major league and minor league players, and

WHEREAS, the presence of the Yankees organization in the City of Tampa provides an economic boost not only to the city but to area charities and to the entire Tampa Bay area, and

WHEREAS, members of the New York Yankees who either live in or are from the Tampa Bay area include players Derek Jeter, Joe Girardi, David Cone, Tino Martinez, and Coach Don Zimmer, and

WHEREAS, the Yankees, characterized by Time Magazine as the "best team ever," had an outstanding 1998 season, winning 125 games and losing only 50, and

WHEREAS, the Yankees capped the season by winning first the American League Eastern Division title, then the American League pennant, and ultimately the 1998 World Series, to win the World Series for the second time in 3 years, and

WHEREAS, Yankees Manager Joe Torre did an extraordinary job of managing the team through its amazing 1998 season, his

1 third with the team, after a long and stellar career as a  
2 major league player, and

3 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members  
4 of the Florida Senate commend an organization that is  
5 responsible for so much benefit to the State of Florida, NOW,  
6 THEREFORE,

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

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10 That the New York Yankees are commended for their  
11 record-setting season and for winning the 1998 World Series.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that owner George M.  
13 Steinbrenner, Manager Joe Torre, all Yankees coaches and  
14 players, and the entire Yankees organization are further  
15 commended, not only for their distinguished accomplishments on  
16 behalf of Major League Baseball, but also for their many  
17 contributions on behalf of the City of Tampa, the Tampa Bay  
18 area, and the State of Florida.

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