

By Senator Silver

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See HB

1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution celebrating March 24, 1999, as Joe

3 DiMaggio Day in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, on Monday, March 8, 1999, Joe DiMaggio,

6 considered by many to be the greatest baseball player who ever

7 lived, passed away, and

8 WHEREAS, people across the United States and throughout

9 the State of Florida are mourning the loss of this legendary

10 American athlete who represented the epitome of athletic

11 excellence and grace, and

12 WHEREAS, born on November 25, 1914, to Italian

13 immigrant parents, Joe DiMaggio climbed his way to the top of

14 America's pastime in a career characterized by a constant

15 demonstration of his undying love for the sport, and

16 WHEREAS, following a remarkable 13-year career with the

17 New York Yankees in which he led his team to ten American

18 League pennants and nine World Series Championships, Joe

19 DiMaggio was inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of

20 Fame in 1955, and

21 WHEREAS, both on and off the playing field, Joe

22 DiMaggio was a man of quiet self-possession with a strong

23 sense of privacy, and

24 WHEREAS, Joe DiMaggio sacrificed some of the privacy he

25 so greatly valued to help ensure that children from all over

26 the country were able to receive proper health care when he

27 undertook the support of the operation of children's hospitals

28 across the nation, and

29 WHEREAS, in 1992, Joe DiMaggio lent his name to

30 Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, where the

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1 Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital was created to care for
2 thousands of children battling numerous forms of illness, and
3 WHEREAS, Joe DiMaggio enriched the hospital and the
4 community in which he lived through his fundraising and
5 support of various nonprofit agencies, and
6 WHEREAS, it is with a deep sense of loss and sadness
7 that Memorial Hospital and the South Broward Hospital District
8 mark the passing of Joe DiMaggio, and
9 WHEREAS, the hospital district and those who receive
10 health care through the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and
11 the State of Florida join the rest of the nation in
12 acknowledging the unique legacy of this great American athlete
13 and gentleman and honoring his memory as they commemorate the
14 life of Joe DiMaggio, NOW, THEREFORE,
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16 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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18 That the Florida Senate celebrates March 24, 1999, as
19 Joe DiMaggio Day in the State of Florida.
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
21 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be transmitted to the
22 family of Joe DiMaggio as a tangible token of the esteem held
23 by the Florida Senate.
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