

By Senator Kirkpatrick

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

A resolution honoring Dr. Willis N. Holcombe,  
President of Broward Community College.

WHEREAS, Dr. Willis N. Holcombe was born on April 18,  
1945, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree at the  
Baldwin-Wallace College, then obtained his master's and  
doctoral degrees at the University of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Willis N. Holcombe has served with  
distinction as the President of Broward Community College  
since 1987, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holcombe began his career at Broward  
Community College in 1974 as the Assistant to the President,  
and

WHEREAS, he rapidly advanced to the positions of  
Academic Dean, Provost, and Vice-President during his tenure  
at Broward Community College, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holcombe advocates on behalf of education  
through his involvement in multiple associations and  
commissions, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holcombe has been a leader in workforce  
development in Florida, both through his position as President  
of Broward Community College and as a member of the Workforce  
Development Board, and

WHEREAS, students throughout the state have benefited  
from Dr. Holcombe's working to improve articulation, and

WHEREAS, much of Dr. Holcombe's free time is committed  
to the United Way of Broward County, the Greater Fort  
Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Holocaust  
Documentation and Education Center, Inc., and

1           WHEREAS, his wife, Jo, and his children, Megan, Ben,  
2 and Joe, share in his contributions to the Broward Community  
3 College and the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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7           That the Florida Senate recognizes the distinguished  
8 career of Dr. Willis N. Holcombe and his outstanding  
9 contributions to the Broward Community College, the Community  
10 College System, and the State of Florida and expresses the  
11 sincere gratitude and appreciation of this body for Dr.  
12 Holcombe's service to the students of our state.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
14 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr.  
15 Willis N. Holcombe, as a tangible token of the sentiments of  
16 the Florida Senate.

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