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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending the Florida Commission on Human Relations for contributions to this state.

WHEREAS, the 1969 Florida Legislature enacted the Human Rights Act, which established the Florida Commission on Human Relations for the purpose of enforcing Florida's anti-discrimination laws, and

WHEREAS, state and federal laws have expanded the jurisdiction of the commission to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public lodging, food service establishments, and private clubs because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, or marital status, and

WHEREAS, in the area of housing, discrimination is prohibited due to familial status, and

WHEREAS, 30 years of progress have now been achieved by the Florida Commission on Human Relations, and this progress is being celebrated in 1999 with a 30th Anniversary Jubilee, and

WHEREAS, the commission's mission is to promote and encourage fair treatment of and equal access to opportunities for all citizens of Florida and to promote mutual understanding and respect among all Floridians by reducing intolerance, antagonism, and intergroup tension through education, legislation, and enhancement of public awareness, and

WHEREAS, as we approach the new millennium, more people share neighborhoods, work, school, and social relationships across racial and cultural lines than ever before, and

1 WHEREAS, despite our progress, prejudice persists, and
2 WHEREAS, the commission, as an advocate of human
3 rights, will continue to join hands with advocates throughout
4 our state to rededicate itself to the spirit of freedom,
5 justice, and equality that initiated the passage of the
6 establishing legislation 30 years ago, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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10 That the Florida Commission on Human Relations is
11 commended for its outstanding accomplishments in promoting
12 human rights and eliminating discrimination as it celebrates
13 three historic decades of moving this state ever closer to the
14 goal of "One Florida."

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