

By Senators Grant and Latvala

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution honoring Dr. Carl M. Kuttler, Jr.,
3 President, St. Petersburg Junior College,
4 recipient of the National Chief Executive
5 Officer Award.

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7 WHEREAS, Carl M. Kuttler, Jr., has for 20 years served
8 as President of St. Petersburg Junior College, and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has led the community college into
10 achieving high national rankings, including second in
11 Associate in Arts degrees granted, third in Associate in
12 Nursing degrees granted, second in Associate degrees in Health
13 Professions and Related Sciences granted, sixth in total
14 Associate degrees granted, and a position among the top 10 in
15 minority-student success rates, even though the St. Petersburg
16 Junior College ranks only 46th in enrollment, and

17 WHEREAS, he has initiated or helped to develop several
18 innovative programs, including the nation's first Applied
19 Ethics program as a requirement for graduation, and

20 WHEREAS, this CEO has demonstrated a caring attitude in
21 many ways, such as calling each of the college's 1,000
22 full-time employees on their respective birthdays and sending
23 each of them a card, establishing an employee recognition
24 program, and sending a letter to each student who is among the
25 top 3 percent in academic achievement, and

26 WHEREAS, he has been active in developing, organizing,
27 and supporting state and national 2-year postsecondary
28 education associations, for instance, by co-sponsoring with
29 former President Jimmy Carter a national leadership conference
30 entitled "The Role of Community Colleges in Shaping the
31 Nation," and by co-sponsoring with former President Gerald

1 Ford a national leadership conference called "Workforce 2000,"
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3 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has also served with distinction
4 on technical and special committees relating to 2-year
5 postsecondary education, among them the Florida Risk
6 Management Consortium of the Florida Council of Presidents, of
7 which he was chairman in 1997 and 1998, and

8 WHEREAS, he has exercised visionary leadership, by
9 successfully lobbying for a tax referendum that produced
10 several million dollars to pay for vital equipment; by
11 parlaying an \$11.2 million gift of land and facilities, which
12 was received from Allstate Insurance Company in 1988, into
13 more than \$30 million in state and federal grants and
14 contracts to build a thriving Southeastern Public Safety
15 Institute that is unsurpassed in the nation as a community
16 college program center; and by building partnerships with
17 Unisys, Digital, Apple, Allstate, Chrysler, Leningrad (now St.
18 Petersburg) University, and Baoji (China) University, and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Kuttler has published numerous
20 professional articles and books and has received many awards,
21 which include being named "Father of the Community College
22 System" in post-war Russia and receiving a mahogany rocking
23 chair from his college family for his outstanding support of
24 faculty initiatives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That the Florida Senate commends Dr. Carl M. Kuttler,
29 Jr., for the superlative leadership he has shown during 20
30 years as President of the St. Petersburg Junior College, and
31 especially wishes to recognize the honor Dr. Kuttler has

1 brought to his educational institution, his city, and this
2 state, as the 1998 recipient of the Regional Chief Executive
3 Officer Award bestowed by the Association of Community College
4 Trustees.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
6 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the St.
7 Petersburg Junior College and to President Carl M. Kuttler,
8 Jr., as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
9 Senate.

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