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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution honoring Ms. Marie H.
Jackson-Wimberly for her service and dedication
to her community.

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie H. Jackson-Wimberly is a native of
the State of Georgia and taught school there for 17 years, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie H. Jackson-Wimberly moved to Florida
in 1940 and began work in the Hillsborough County School
System as a substitute teacher, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wimberly's motto is "Serve your fellowman
while you can," and she set out to do just that in the City of
Tampa, and

WHEREAS, she organized the New Salem Play School that
catered to children who had been retained or experienced
failure in the public schools in 1947, and

WHEREAS, the name of the school changed to the New
Salem Kindergarten in 1948 and to its current name of
Wimberly's Pre-School and Kindergarten in 1969, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie H. Jackson-Wimberly has served the
Tampa Bay community faithfully and with pride and dedication,
and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wimberly has had a tremendous impact on
the lives and the education of thousands of youngsters, their
families, and other citizens in Tampa and Hillsborough County,
and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wimberly has received numerous awards for
her community and educational involvement and humanitarian
service, and

1 WHEREAS, there are many outstanding citizens in Tampa
2 and Hillsborough County who got their start at the Wimberly's
3 Pre-School and Kindergarten, and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Marie H. Jackson-Wimberly has operated and
5 served the Wimberly's Pre-School and Kindergarten and its
6 predecessors for more than 52 years and still continues to
7 serve, and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Wimberly and her school has been an
9 educational beacon of light for the education of youngsters
10 from all sources and economic levels, and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Marie H. Jackson-Wimberly is a beloved and
12 well-respected member of the education arena and the Tampa Bay
13 community, and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Marie H. Jackson-Wimberly, at 98 years of
15 age, continues to actively participate in the operation of the
16 kindergarten and in the education of the youngsters, and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Wimberly's friends, neighbors, former
18 students, and community leaders prepare to honor her at a
19 Reunion/Anniversary/Millennium Celebration during the month of
20 May, 2000, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 That the Florida Senate commends Ms. Marie H.
25 Jackson-Wimberly for her lifelong dedication to teaching and
26 for her service and dedication to her community.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
28 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Ms. Marie
29 H. Jackson-Wimberly as a tangible token of the sentiments and
30 good wishes of the Florida Senate.

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