By Senator Hargrett

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Senate Resolution No. ___ A resolution honoring Herbert D. Carrington, Sr., the longtime host of the Tampa Yacht Club, who will celebrate his 102nd birthday this year.

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WHEREAS, Herbert D. Carrington, Sr., is known for kindness and diligence that have endeared him to generations of pioneer Tampa families while working at the Tampa Yacht Club, and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Carrington counts car dealer Jim Ferman and baseball team owner George Steinbrenner among his many friends who honored him at his 100th birthday party at the yacht club 2 years ago, and

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WHEREAS, Herbert lost his father to a heart attack and his mother to typhoid fever when he was 13 years old, and, at age 14, set out on his own to pick cotton, do odd jobs, and work for the Railway Express, and

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WHEREAS, he found his way to Tampa in the 1920s, helped build the Gandy Bridge, and worked as a chauffeur and butler for the Washington and Dupree families, before joining the yacht club staff in the early 1940s, and

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WHEREAS, he married Mae Alice Warren in 1936 and started a family that includes sons Herbert, Jr., who teaches at Haven Poe Runaway Center, and Roland, who is assistant director of human resources at the University of South Florida, and stepdaughter Martha Cabrera and stepson Marion, and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Carrington's grandchildren include Warren, 30 coach and teacher at Dixie Hollins High School in St.

31 Petersburg; U.S. Army Captain Cedric, assigned to a Brigadier

General at Fort Meade; Herbert III, who works in retail;
Lucreta, compensation manager for W.H. Smith International;
educators Sandra, Harcourt, Theron, and Yolanda; and Jennifer,
a criminal justice worker in Dade County, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carrington still shows up for special occasions at the yacht club, putting on his tuxedo and greeting members at the door, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carrington has purchased all his cars, at least 15, from one of Jim Ferman's dealerships and is proud to hold the distinctive title of "Ferman's oldest customer," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate honors the life of Herbert D. Carrington, Sr., who will celebrate his 102nd birthday in the year 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Herbert D. Carrington, Sr., as a tangible token of the sentiments and good wishes of the Florida Senate.