By Senator Dawson

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1 Senate Resolution No ___ 2

A resolution honoring Kids Voting Broward, Inc.

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WHEREAS, voter apathy is rampant in the United States where, on average, fifty percent of eligible citizens do not vote in presidential elections, and less than fifty percent of adults 18 to 24 years of age are even registered to vote, and

WHEREAS, Kids Voting Broward, Inc., is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with the goals of increasing adult voter turnout, generating better-informed voters, and instilling a lifelong habit of voting among tomorrow's voters, and

WHEREAS, the Kids Voting curriculum helps students discover the power and value of voting through prescribed activities that aid in the development of skills and concepts crucial to living in a democratic society, and

WHEREAS, in national studies, Kids Voting has been proven to be a successful program, with ninety-nine percent of teachers responding that their students know more about elections, eighty-one percent of educators noting an increase in parental involvement, and a measurable increase in voter turnout of five percent in communities in which the Kids Voting program has been implemented, and

WHEREAS, Election Day 2000 was a great success for Kids Voting Broward, Inc., as 91,000 local students in kindergarten through high school gained hands-on voting experience and a record-breaking sixty percent of adults surveyed responded that they were motivated to go to the polls and vote by their children's desire to participate in the program, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Senate pauses in its deliberations to commend Kids Voting Broward, Inc., for the invaluable service it provides to its community in promoting civic-mindedness in Florida's youth while increasing participation in our electoral process.