

By Senator Villalobos

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary

3 of the Bay of Pigs invasion, on April 17, 2001.

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5 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1959, a Communist dictator took

6 over the government of the Republic of Cuba, and

7 WHEREAS, there began immediately afterward a massive

8 exodus of Cuban nationals, most of whom came to the United

9 States, and

10 WHEREAS, men and women of American and Cuban origin

11 decided that the only way to overthrow the Communist

12 dictatorship subjugating the people of Cuba was through an

13 armed invasion, and

14 WHEREAS, on April 17, 1961, almost fifteen hundred men,

15 trained, directed, armed, and equipped by the United States,

16 landed on the southern coast of Cuba in an area known as

17 "Bahia de Cochinos" (Bay of Pigs), and

18 WHEREAS, for the next few days, these men fought

19 against an army immensely superior in manpower, firepower, and

20 supplies, and

21 WHEREAS, in the course of battle, almost one hundred

22 men died, including several who were captured and immediately

23 assassinated by the forces of the Cuban dictator, and

24 WHEREAS, almost all of the remaining forces were

25 captured and imprisoned for almost eighteen months, and

26 WHEREAS, these men were subsequently ransomed by

27 President John F. Kennedy, returned to the United States, and

28 became productive members of our society without ever

29 forgetting their native country, Cuba, and

30 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2001, the 40th anniversary of the

31 Bay of Pigs invasion will be commemorated, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the Florida Senate honors and extends its
4 congratulations to Brigada de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade
5 2506) and to all its members living and deceased.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate
7 expresses its desire for the prompt liberation of the Republic
8 of Cuba from the Communist dictatorship that oppresses all its
9 people.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
11 with the seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Brigada
12 de Asalto 2506 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the
13 Florida Senate.

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