

By Senator Latvala

19-39B-01

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the City of Clearwater;  
3           providing for the relief of Eva Skowronek as  
4           the widow of Wieslaw Skowronek and as personal  
5           representative of the Estate of Wieslaw  
6           Skowronek and for the relief of Anna Marie,  
7           Victor, and Hubert Alexander Skowronek, the  
8           minor children of Wieslaw Skowronek, for the  
9           death of Wieslaw Skowronek as a result of the  
10          negligence of the City of Clearwater; providing  
11          an effective date.  
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13          WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 19, 1997, Wieslaw Skowronek  
14          was visiting the Virgin Mary apparition at the Seminole  
15          Finance Building in Clearwater, Florida, and  
16          WHEREAS, as a result of the use of excessive force by a  
17          City of Clearwater policeman, Mr. Skowronek's pancreas was  
18          ruptured and he bled to death, and  
19          WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Skowronek was clearly the  
20          consequence of the negligence of the city, and  
21          WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater and Eva Skowronek have  
22          entered into a settlement agreement in which the city has  
23          agreed to a settlement in the amount of \$525,000, of which the  
24          city will pay \$200,000, Ranger Insurance Company will pay  
25          \$125,000, and a claim bill will be submitted for the remaining  
26          \$200,000, and  
27          WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater has paid the \$200,000,  
28          which is the maximum amount allowable under section 768.28,  
29          Florida Statutes, and the insurance company has paid \$125,000,  
30          NOW, THEREFORE,  
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1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3           Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this  
4 act are found and declared to be true.

5           Section 2. The City of Clearwater is authorized and  
6 directed to compensate Eva Skowronek, as the widow and  
7 personal representative of the Estate of Wieslaw Skowronek, in  
8 the amount of \$200,000, out of funds of the City of Clearwater  
9 not otherwise appropriated and on behalf of the estate, Mrs.  
10 Skowronek, and their three minor children for the death of  
11 Wieslaw Skowronek due to the negligence of a city employee.

12           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
13 law.

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