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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing the hard work of the citizens of this state following the election held on November 7, 2000, and urging the discontinuation of partisan attacks.

WHEREAS, this state and the United States of America experienced on November 7, 2000, the closest presidential election in history, and

WHEREAS, since November 8, 2000, thousands of Floridians have worked tirelessly and effectively to ensure that the votes cast in this state were counted accurately and completely under extreme circumstances and with the entire world watching, and

WHEREAS, the results of this 2000 Presidential Election were contested in the state and federal courts, and

WHEREAS, understandably, this election contest has stirred partisan passions on all sides of the issue and across the political spectrum, and

WHEREAS, these partisan passions have led to increasing and repeated attacks on members of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, including members of county canvassing boards throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the balance of government provides for a system of checks and balances and invites debate and scrutiny of the decisions made by officers of these branches of government, but does not invite personal attacks, and

WHEREAS, these attacks have become personal in nature and have gone beyond the acceptable realm of debate, NOW,

THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the Florida Senate finds these attacks to be  
4 harmful, offensive, divisive, unnecessary, and unwarranted.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate  
6 recognizes the hard work of its citizens, does not condone  
7 these personal attacks on the three branches of government,  
8 and urges all those involved in this public debate to cease  
9 the malicious ad hominem attacks.

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