7-1505-02   See HB

1   Senate Resolution No. ____

2   A resolution honoring William H. Gates III.

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4   WHEREAS, William H. Gates III has demonstrated his

5   leadership, vision, and concern for education by his strong

6   financial support of education nationwide through the

7   operation of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and

8   WHEREAS, through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation,

9   William H. Gates III has clearly shown his firm belief in the

10   use of the technology developed by his companies to meet the

11   educational needs of young people, to recognize and encourage

12   high achievement, and to develop strong leadership, and

13   WHEREAS, William H. Gates III has, through the

14   foundation, awarded Florida schools $5.5 million over a period

15   of three years with which to provide school superintendents

16   and principals, both public and private, opportunities to

17   develop knowledge and skills in the effective use of

18   technology as a means of promoting student learning, and

19   WHEREAS, in addition, William H. Gates III, through the

20   foundation, has contributed $1,345,781 in funds and materials

21   to libraries, universities, schools, and other educational

22   entities in the State of Florida alone, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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26   That the Senate recognizes William H. Gates III for his

27   commitment to education and for his generosity in providing to

28   the residents of Florida, by means of the Bill and Melinda

29   Gates Foundation, expanded learning opportunities through the

30   use of technology and technological infrastructure in the

31   state's schools and communities.

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 1   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
 2 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to William
 3 H. Gates III as a tangible token of the gratitude and
 4 appreciation of the Florida Senate.
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