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

A resolution recognizing February 21, 2002, as  
Florida Dental Hygiene Association Smile Day.

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of residents of this  
state are of paramount concerns to the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, poor oral health leads to the unnecessary loss  
of teeth and has been linked to cardiovascular problems,  
serious respiratory infections, and other significant  
diseases, and

WHEREAS, regular professional cleanings and other  
preventive services provided by licensed dental hygienists are  
highly effective in maintaining good oral health, and

WHEREAS, dental hygienists are licensed professionals  
who complete a minimum 2-year accredited college program to  
prepare them with the expertise and clinical skills needed to  
provide safe and competent service to their patients, and

WHEREAS, dental hygienists help promote and foster oral  
hygiene and education, and

WHEREAS, there are 6,000 licensed dental hygienists in  
this state, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Hygiene Association  
represents the profession of dental hygiene, and

WHEREAS, members of the Florida Dental Hygiene  
Association have traveled to Tallahassee on February 21, 2002,  
to sponsor Smile Day, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate recognizes February 21, 2002,  
as Florida Dental Hygiene Association Smile Day.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
2 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the  
3 Florida Dental Hygiene Association as a tangible token of the  
4 sentiments of the Florida Senate.  
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