By Senator Jones

40-1975-02 Senate Resolution No. 1 A resolution recognizing the positive influence 2 3 of permanently locating the United States 4 Southern Command in Miami-Dade County. 5 WHEREAS, the United States Southern Command (Southcom) б 7 is responsible for all United States military interaction in 8 Central and South America and the Caribbean, and 9 WHEREAS, the Southcom headquarters relocated to Miami from the Republic of Panama because of Miami's unique ability 10 11 to support and complement the mission requirements of the 12 command, and 13 WHEREAS, the economic, political, cultural, and social 14 impact of the Southern Hemisphere on the United States and 15 this state is critically important and will only continue to 16 grow, and 17 WHEREAS, this state is fully involved in trade and 18 cultural relations with the Southern Hemisphere, and has the 19 complementary resources available in the Miami area to work 20 with that region, and WHEREAS, for the same reasons that the permanent 21 22 Secretariat of the Free Trade Areas of the Americas should be 23 located in Miami, as espoused by Congress in its joint concurrent resolutions dated November 19, 1999, and April 11, 24 25 2001, Miami and this state are uniquely situated 26 geographically and possess the infrastructure, resources, and 27 culture necessary for the success of both organizations, and 28 WHEREAS, the Southcom headquarters building and land is 29 currently operated through a limited term lease, and any action to extend the Southcom headquarters beyond the terms of 30 the current lease requires Congressional approval, and 31

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1	WHEREAS, this state has provided the Federal Government
2	with a no-cost, 50-year lease of land abutting the Southcom
3	headquarters, satisfying long-term security requirements and
4	enhancing its current limited term lease, and
5	WHEREAS, any delay in resolving the long-term presence
6	of Southcom headquarters fails to signal the commitment of the
7	United States and this state to our partner nations in the
8	region, NOW, THEREFORE,
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10	Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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12	That the Florida Senate recognizes and appreciates the
13	positive influence, at present and in the future, of
14	Southcom's presence at its current location in Miami-Dade
15	County towards the furthering of this nation's relationship
16	with its Latin American neighbors, the fostering of
17	international trade opportunities, and the strengthening of
18	the defense of our southern borders.
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