

By Senator Garcia

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution in memory of Mayra Capote, victim
3 of a tragic automobile accident.

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5 WHEREAS, a grieving mother and sister mourn the loss of
6 a beautiful, vibrant life that was snuffed out on September 8,
7 1999, when 14-year-old Mayra Capote, along with two other
8 students from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, was
9 killed in a tragic automobile accident as the three friends
10 hurried back to school following an off-campus lunch break,
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12 WHEREAS, born October 4, 1984, Mayra Capote was the
13 light of her mother's eyes and the adored friend, caregiver,
14 and protector of her older sister, Elizabeth, who has been
15 disabled since birth and who keenly misses the companionship
16 and affection of her sister, and

17 WHEREAS, Mayra Capote will forever be remembered by her
18 mother, sister, and friends as a friendly, outgoing, happy
19 child, loving and caring, with a special heart for those less
20 fortunate than she, and

21 WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and
22 Motor Vehicles reports that in traffic accidents in this state
23 during 1998, 1999, and 2000 which involved young people age 15
24 through 18, a total of 22 young people died and 4,496 young
25 people were injured between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00
26 p.m., and

27 WHEREAS, in response to this statewide tragedy and the
28 tragedy involving Mayra Capote, the Miami-Dade County school
29 board approved a plan of action to close all senior high
30 school campuses during the lunch period by the opening of the
31 2004-2005 school year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the Florida Senate expresses its heartfelt
4 condolences to the mother, sister, and friends of Mayra Capote
5 and expresses its support for the Miami-Dade County school
6 board as the board takes action to safeguard the lives of
7 students.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
9 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mayra and
10 Elizabeth Capote, mother and sister, respectively, of the late
11 young Mayra Capote, as a tangible token of the sentiments of
12 the Florida Senate.

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