

By Senator Saunders

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

2           A resolution commending Valdaishia Wring, who

3           captured first place and set seven national

4           records at the 2002 Fitness Authority National

5           Championship.

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7           WHEREAS, Valdaishia Wring, a seventh-grader at Lee

8           Middle School, achieved a triumphant victory at the second

9           annual Fitness Authority National Championship, held in Miami

10          in August, and

11          WHEREAS, Valdaishia was one of only 40 athletes, ages 6

12          to 18, who qualified for the nationals, and

13          WHEREAS, competing against 13-year-olds, as well as

14          other 12-year-olds, Valdaishia set national records in seven

15          of the 10 events that comprise the competition, and

16          WHEREAS, to earn the right to compete in Miami,

17          Valdaishia trained 4 days a week for a year at the Lee County

18          Boys & Girls Club, then won a state event and a regional

19          competition in Atlanta, and

20          WHEREAS, in recognition of her achievement, Valdaishia

21          and her coach received a 2-day, all-expenses-paid trip to the

22          White House, and she heard President George Bush comment on

23          the feats that she and the seven other 2002 Fitness Authority

24          national champions had performed, as well as taking her first

25          plane ride, and

26          WHEREAS, Valdaishia will again be eligible to compete

27          in the same division at next year's event, and

28          WHEREAS, the coach who spotted her potential,

29          LeDondrick Rowe, told reporters, "You might be talking to the

30          next Marion Jones. She can run", and

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1           WHEREAS, her outstanding performance and attitude bring  
2 honor to her family, her coaches and school, and her  
3 community, and

4           WHEREAS, Valdaishia Wring has set an example for other  
5 student athletes to follow in achieving physical fitness, and

6           WHEREAS, Valdaishia is representative of the importance  
7 placed on physical fitness and the fine results achieved by  
8 coaches throughout the State of Florida, 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 the outstanding  
13 feats of Valdaishia Wring, who took first place at the 2002  
14 Fitness Authority National Championship held last August in  
15 Miami and set seven national records in the process, and  
16 thereby brought honor to this state. The Senate commends  
17 12-year-old Valdaishia for her year-long training effort and  
18 for her poise in representing the Lee County Boys & Girls Club  
19 at the White House ceremony honoring her and two other Fort  
20 Myers residents who placed well in the competition.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution,  
22 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to  
23 Valdaishia Wring and her coach, LeDondrick Rowe, as a token of  
24 the sentiments expressed herein.

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