

By Senator Bennett

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A resolution recognizing March 20, 2003, as  
3           Florida Dental Hygiene Association Smile Day.  
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5           WHEREAS, the health and welfare of residents of this  
6 state are of paramount concerns to the Legislature, and  
7           WHEREAS, poor oral health leads to the unnecessary loss  
8 of teeth and has been linked to cardiovascular problems,  
9 serious respiratory infections, and other significant  
10 diseases, and  
11           WHEREAS, regular professional cleanings and other  
12 preventative services provided by licensed dental hygienists  
13 are highly effective in maintaining good oral health, and  
14           WHEREAS, dental hygienists are licensed professionals  
15 who complete a minimum 2-year accredited college program to  
16 prepare them with the expertise and clinical skills needed to  
17 provide safe and competent service to their patients, and  
18           WHEREAS, dental hygienists help promote and foster oral  
19 hygiene and education, and  
20           WHEREAS, there are 13,610 licensed dental hygienists in  
21 this state, and  
22           WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Hygiene Association  
23 represents the profession of dental hygiene, and  
24           WHEREAS, members of the Florida Dental Hygiene  
25 Association have traveled to Tallahassee on March 20, 2003, to  
26 sponsor Smile Day, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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28 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:  
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30           That the Florida Senate recognizes March 20, 2003, as  
31 Florida Dental Hygiene Association 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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