By Senator Argenziano

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing and honoring United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Brian Rory Buesing.

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WHEREAS, Brian Rory Buesing was born in Tampa, Florida, was raised in Pasco, Citrus, and Levy counties, and was educated in the public schools of Levy County, Florida, graduating in May 2000 from Cedar Key High School, and

WHEREAS, Brian was athletic, adventuresome, and fearless, a popular, outgoing, and gregarious young man who loved life, people, and the opportunity to lend a helping hand, an All-American Boy who was a passionate patriot, and

WHEREAS, before graduating from high school, Brian knew he wanted to follow the military paths of his grandfather, who served in the United States Marine Corps and received a Silver Star for his bravery under fire in the Korean War, and his father, who also served in the United States Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS, in June 2000, Brian enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, went to Boot Camp in North Carolina at Parris Island, trained at Camp LeJeune and in Okinawa, and was assigned to the 1st Batallion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Weapons Platoon, an infantryman specializing in firing mortars, and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 23, 2003, Brian and eight other brave young men serving their country in the United States Marine Corps were killed while disembarking from an armed personnel carrier to approach a unit of Iraqi soldiers who had signaled they were surrendering but began firing rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons as the Marines approached, and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Brian Rory Buesing is an irreplaceable loss to his family, his community, the State of Florida, and the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate recognizes and honors United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Brian Rory Buesing for his patriotic spirit, his selfless commitment to free an oppressed people from tyrannical rule, his courageous actions when in harm's way, and his legacy of giving his all to secure the freedoms on which our nation was founded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the parents of Brian Rory Buesing as a token of the heartfelt sympathy and the esteem of the Florida Senate.