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

A resolution recognizing and honoring former  
Florida Senator Travis A. Gresham, Jr.

WHEREAS, Travis A. Gresham, Jr., was raised in Lee  
County, and educated in the Lee County Public School System,  
graduating in 1943 from Ft. Myers High School, and

WHEREAS, Travis A. Gresham, Jr, thereupon enlisted in  
the United States Army and served his country in combat in the  
European Theatre during World War II, was captured, and became  
a prisoner of war until being freed when Allied Forces  
conquered Germany, and

WHEREAS, following the war, Travis A. Gresham, Jr.,  
returned home and thereafter attended the University of  
Virginia, Harvard University, and the University of Florida,  
obtaining his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard University  
in 1949, and his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of  
Florida in 1952, and successfully practiced law in Ft. Myers  
and the Southwest Florida area for almost 40 years, and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Travis A. Gresham, Jr., was elected  
to the Florida Senate, representing Lee, Collier, Hendry, and  
Monroe counties, and distinguished himself as a leader in  
sponsoring legislation in 1961 to establish Edison Junior  
College, now known as Edison Community College, and

WHEREAS, serving as Chair of the College's Board of  
Trustees for the next 13 years, Senator Gresham contributed  
more than \$100,000 in land and capital to support the  
College's growth and development, and

WHEREAS, at the age of 77, Senator Gresham suffered a  
heart attack and died leaving behind four sons and eight  
grandchildren, many devoted friends, and a legacy of dedicated

1 leadership and service to his community and the state, NOW,  
2 THEREFORE,

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

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6           That the Florida Senate recognizes and honors one of  
7 its own, former Senator Travis A. Gresham, Jr., for his  
8 outstanding public service to the people of Lee, Collier,  
9 Hendry, and Monroe counties, and to the State of Florida, and  
10 for his special leadership in supporting the creation,  
11 establishment, growth, and development of Edison Community  
12 College.

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