

By Senator Saunders

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A resolution recognizing and commending the  
3           Fort Myers 80-Plus Senior Softball Team for  
4           winning the 80-Plus Senior Softball World  
5           Series and becoming the 2002 National Champions  
6           of 80-plus senior softball competition.  
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8           WHEREAS, the Fort Myers 80-Plus Senior Softball Team is  
9           based in Fort Myers, Florida, and is made up of men who are 79  
10          or more years of age, and  
11          WHEREAS, the team's members are Casey Bibiro, Earl  
12          Laplan, Jim Batchlor, Carman Rankin, Ralph Grover, Bill Flock,  
13          Mike Madore, Bobby Deyer, Norm Rhodes, Frank Korowitz, Gerry  
14          Cook, John Pipher, Fred Wright, Earl Sturm, Len Obery, and  
15          Gene Higham, who also served as team manager, and  
16          WHEREAS, the team, in August, 2002, participated in and  
17          won the 80-Plus Senior Softball World Series in Des Moines,  
18          Iowa, thereby becoming the 2002 National Champions of 80-plus  
19          senior softball, and  
20          WHEREAS, the team's 2002 accomplishments in 80-plus  
21          senior softball competition bring distinctive honor to the  
22          State of Florida and its citizens, especially those who reside  
23          in and about the Fort Myers, Florida, area, by exemplifying  
24          the superlative status a group of senior men can attain by  
25          combining their talents and committing themselves in work to  
26          excel in playing the game of softball, 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 and commends the  
31          Fort Myers 80-Plus Senior Softball Team for accomplishing the

1 remarkable feat of winning the 2002 World Series for 80-plus  
2 senior softball, and becoming the 2002 National Champions of  
3 80-plus senior softball.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
5 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Fort  
6 Myers, Florida, 80-Plus Senior Softball Team as a tangible  
7 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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