By Senator Fasano

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

A resolution celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1903, in Utica, New York, the Knights of Columbus organized a group of Catholic women to establish the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to develop and share their God-given talents through implementation of creative programs that advance the religious, charitable, and educational values of the Catholic Church to strengthen the spiritual well-being of all people, and

WHEREAS, membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is made up of Catholic women 18 years of age and older who embrace the principle of living their faith in God by working to foster and promote justice, equality, the advancement of human rights, and human dignity for all people, and

WHEREAS, in the first 100 years of its existence, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas has evolved from its founding group, identified as Utica Court #1, to the largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas, with the Courts established throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Mexico, Siapan, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico, and

WHEREAS, the work of Catholic Daughters of the Americas has proven to be an invaluable asset to the communities in which they exist, providing a seemingly inexhaustible source of dynamic energy stimulating development of moral strength and spiritual growth in those who are drawn to meaningful involvement in their programs, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Florida Senate celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Catholic Daughters of the Americas for enhancing the quality of life for all Floridians by providing a vibrant source of compassionate caring to stimulate the development of moral strength and spiritual growth to advance justice, equality, human rights, and dignity for all people.