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

A resolution commending Derrick Wilson.

WHEREAS, on Saturday night, February 7, 2004, in Olathe, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, Derrick Wilson, a 95-pound 15-year-old boxer from Ft. Myers, Florida, won a unanimous decision over Richard Morales, a boxer from California, to win the 2004 Silver Gloves National Championship in his weight class, and

WHEREAS, a product of the Ft. Myers Police Athletic League, Derrick is no stranger to competing at the national level, as his 2004 National Championship title culminates 3 years of competing in the Silver Gloves National Championship tournament, having finished in third place in his weight class in each of the past 2 years, and

WHEREAS, enroute to winning the National Championship title, Derrick fought a semifinal match on February 6, 2004, in which he defeated the two-time National Champion from Texas, and

WHEREAS, Derrick Wilson's amateur boxing career also includes 25 state tournament crowns earned over the past 3 years, and

WHEREAS, Derrick's boxing accomplishments exemplify the level of competitive excellence young people can achieve if they are committed to training diligently, becoming physically fit, developing their skills, and acquiring the mental toughness required to persist in the face of what appear to be overwhelming odds, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1           That the Senate commends Derrick Wilson for his  
2 extraordinary accomplishments in amateur boxing bringing honor  
3 to the residents of Ft. Myers, Lee County, and the State of  
4 Florida.

5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution,  
6 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Derrick  
7 Wilson and his coach, Larry Willis, as a tangible token of the  
8 sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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