

By Senator Peaden

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

2 A resolution commending the Florida Goodwill  
3 Association for its contributions to the  
4 economic base of the State of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries, operating on the belief  
7 that productivity and vocation are cornerstones of life, and  
8 that all people have a right to be treated with dignity and  
9 respect without regard to race, gender, age, marital status,  
10 national origin, or state of health, is now the largest  
11 nonprofit provider of vocational training and employment  
12 services in the United States, and

13 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries provides quality  
14 vocational training and employment services to people who are  
15 impaired by disabilities and to those who suffer other  
16 disadvantages, such as being undereducated or illiterate,  
17 welfare-dependent, or homeless, or having a criminal history,  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, through the 102 years of its existence,  
20 Goodwill Industries has successfully designed and implemented  
21 many innovative vocational training and employment programs,  
22 enabling millions of disabled and disadvantaged people to  
23 develop career opportunities and improve the quality of their  
24 lives, and

25 WHEREAS, in the last 3 years, 215,295 Floridians have  
26 participated in the programs administered by Goodwill  
27 Industries, and 52,422 of those participants have obtained  
28 gainful employment in the communities in which they live, and

29 WHEREAS, in the last 3 years, the Florida Goodwill  
30 Association, through nine local Goodwill Industries entities  
31 operating throughout Florida, collectively generated

1 \$550,464,241 in earnings realized by people placed in  
2 community employment, resulting in a significant contribution  
3 to the state's economic base and increasing its tax revenues,  
4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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8 That the Senate commends the Florida Goodwill  
9 Association and commends the organization for its valued  
10 programs, which have expanded the opportunities and  
11 occupational capabilities of millions of Floridians.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
13 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mr.  
14 Dennis Clark, President of the Florida Goodwill Association,  
15 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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