

By Senator Hill

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A resolution recognizing and commending Curtis  
3           Miranda.  
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5           WHEREAS, Curtis Miranda, a native of Jacksonville,  
6 Florida, and a 1957 graduate of Matthew Gilbert Senior High  
7 School, enjoyed a football career few have known, attending  
8 Florida A & M University and playing for the legendary Jake  
9 Gaither from 1957 to 1961, during which the University won  
10 three national championship titles, and also playing  
11 professional football for the New York Giants and the Hamilton  
12 Tiger Cats, and  
13           WHEREAS, a dominant offensive lineman at 6 feet 2  
14 inches in height, weighing 221 pounds, and wearing jersey  
15 number 53, Curtis was alternated at tackle and tight end in  
16 the 1957 and 1958 football seasons before settling in as the  
17 starting center for the 1959 football season, following which  
18 he earned All-America recognition from the Associated Press,  
19 the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the  
20 Pittsburgh Courier, and  
21           WHEREAS, in 1979, Curtis was among those in the fourth  
22 class of former Florida A & M University athletes inducted  
23 into the University's Sports Hall of Fame, and on October 25,  
24 2003, at halftime of the football game with Norfolk State at  
25 Bragg Memorial Stadium, the University honored Curtis Miranda  
26 by retiring his football jersey number 53, marking the first  
27 occasion for the University to retire the jersey worn by one  
28 of its former student athletes, and  
29           WHEREAS, in the halftime ceremony, former Acting  
30 Athletic Director, J.R.E. Lee, III, recognized Curtis for his  
31 invaluable contributions to Florida A & M University, as an

1 excellent student, a tremendous football player, a successful  
2 businessman, an outstanding citizen, and a faithful alumnus  
3 who has led the Jacksonville Chapter of Florida A & M  
4 University's Booster organization to raise more than \$300,000  
5 for the University, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9           That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends Curtis  
10 Miranda for his outstanding achievements as a student athlete  
11 while attending Florida A & M University, for his outstanding  
12 accomplishments in life since graduating from the University,  
13 and for his invaluable support of the University as a faithful  
14 alumnus.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
16 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Curtis  
17 Miranda as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
18 Senate.

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