By Senator Saunders

37-217A-04

Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending Team Kobayas

A resolution commending Team Kobayashi of Cape Coral, Florida, for winning the Silver Medal in the Collective Performance Division of the 2003 USA National Karate-Do Federation Tournament.

WHEREAS, Team Kobayashi of Cape Coral, Florida, composed of students aged 5 to 47 years, competed in the USA National Karate-Do Federation Tournament in San Jose, California, on July 25, 2003, and earned 38 medals and won the Silver Medal in the Collective Performance Division of the competition, and

WHEREAS, Team Kobayashi competed in the USA National Karate-Do Junior Olympics in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on November 8, 2003, and earned 26 medals, including 9 Gold Medals, 10 Silver Medals, and 7 Bronze Medals, and

WHEREAS, the coaches of the Team were Bernard Dougherty and Yuki Dougherty, and the participating members of the team were Pamela Calvert, Stephen Cross, Adrian Dougherty, Daichi Dougherty, Miko Dougherty, Khoi Duong, Hollyanne Ebner, Erin Hodson, Christian Jurney, Steven Lam, Cynthia Martin, Jerome Martin, Neda Mustafa, Emanuel Paz, Max Peugues, Anthony Rosado, Bencis Sanchez, Joseph Schilk, Grayson Sifrar, Chelsea Spiro, Christopher Spiro, C.J. Spiro, William Staeb, Evan Thompson, Sharon Thompson, Alex Wilson, and Zach Wilson, and

WHEREAS, the Team routinely performs free Karate demonstrations in Cape Coral and Lee County to entertain and promote good will for numerous organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, the Kiwanis Club, the Westbay Retirement Home, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and

WHEREAS, the team's civic activities and successes in Karate competitions bring distinctive honor to the State of Florida and its citizens, especially those who reside in Cape Coral and Lee County, by exemplifying the responsible citizenship and competitive excellence a group of young men and women can attain by combining their talents and disciplining themselves in work to excel in performing the art of Karate, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That Team Kobayashi of Cape Coral, Florida, is commended for its outstanding accomplishments in competition at the USA National Karate-Do Federation Tournament in San Jose, California, and at the USA National Karate-Do Junior Olympics in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and for its responsible citizenship in routinely performing free Karate demonstrations for community service organizations in and around Cape Coral and Lee County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Team Kobayashi of Cape Coral, Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.