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

A resolution commending Florida Baptist Children's Home for its support of children of this state for the past 100 years.

WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that provides safe, stable, Christian homes for boys and girls who have been neglected, misdirected, abandoned, abused, or caught up in family turmoil, and

WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home ensures that children in its care receive medical care, nourishing food, proper clothing, and education, including counseling, love, attention, and a positive lifestyle, and

WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home seeks to provide for children in its care a childhood that is as normal as possible by giving them hope, and providing for their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs, and

WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home selects both boys and girls to live at its facilities, based upon the child's need and the Home's ability to help them, and

WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home employs Christian house parents and social workers who do not regard the children as clients or case loads but instead, truly care for and about the children, loving and nurturing them, and laughing and crying with them, and

WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home takes a proactive approach in healing broken lives by encouraging the social workers to interact with each child and his or her family, house parents, or foster parents, to ensure that progress is being made in each unique situation, and

1           WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home has also  
2 committed its support for the Florida Baptist Convention's  
3 emphasis on the Sanctity of Human Life, providing a specialist  
4 to work with pastors, pregnancy care centers, and pregnant,  
5 unwed, teen-age girls to help prevent abortions, and

6           WHEREAS, Florida Baptist Children's Home operates  
7 campuses in many cities in Florida, including Miami, Fort  
8 Myers, Lakeland, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Pensacola,  
9 serving school-age boys and girls in family-style residences,  
10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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14           That the Florida Baptist Children's Home is commended  
15 for its outstanding support of and contributions to the lives  
16 of Florida's children, on this its 100th anniversary.

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