

By Senators Crist, Miller, Sebesta and Lee

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

A resolution commending Frederick B. Karl.

WHEREAS, Frederick B. Karl was born in Daytona Beach to the late Fred J. and Mary Karl and attended the University of Florida before earning a law degree from Stetson University, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl served in the United States Army and served as Tank Platoon Leader in the 20th and 2nd Armored Divisions, where he was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart medal, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl thereafter began a career in the public sector, including serving as State Representative, as State Senator, and as the first legislatively appointed Public Counsel, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl became Justice Karl when he was elected to the Florida Supreme Court, the last elected Justice, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl co-authored Law Review articles used by the Legislature when considering impeachment or executive suspension, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl has served in other capacities, including attorney for the Volusia County School District and the Cities of Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach before relocating to Tampa, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karl became Special Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, and Administrator to Hillsborough County before becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of Tampa General Hospital, and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Karl then retired but was called back as  
2 Attorney for the City of Tampa in March 2003, a position from  
3 which he retired April 2, 2004, and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Karl has received awards for his service,  
5 ranging from Florida Trend Magazine's "Florida's Most  
6 Influential Men" to the Equal Opportunity Employer of the Year  
7 by the Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League, while also serving on  
8 a variety of boards too numerous to mention, and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Karl was known and regarded for his  
10 intelligence, eloquence, and capability of facilitating  
11 compromise, being called a "brilliant public servant" by the  
12 Tampa Tribune, a description echoed throughout the community,  
13 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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17           That Frederick B. Karl is recognized for his  
18 contributions to Florida, Hillsborough County, and the City of  
19 Tampa in serving with distinction for almost half a century in  
20 both elected and the highest level of senior management  
21 positions.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
23 be presented to Frederick B. Karl as a tangible token of the  
24 sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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