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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 1, 2004, as
"Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities
Council, Inc., is the Florida entity charged by federal
legislation to plan and advocate for programs that enable
persons with developmental disabilities to achieve optimum
independence and to promote innovative programs and practices
that improve the quality of life for these individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities
Council, Inc., sponsors events such as DD Awareness Day to
provide a setting where other agencies and organizations can
offer information about services and products for persons with
disabilities and promote understanding about the challenges
and obstacles in the everyday lives of persons with
disabilities, and

WHEREAS, DD Awareness Day is an appropriate time to
recognize Florida's public policy accomplishments concerning
the needs of persons with disabilities and also to identify
the improvements to public policy that are needed to ensure
that appropriate services are obtained by all state residents
having developmental disabilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council,
Inc., is commended for promoting services for persons having
developmental disabilities and April 1, 2004, is recognized as
"Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in Florida.