Florida Senate - 2004

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By Senator Klein

30-2596-04 1 Senate Resolution No. 2 A resolution in memory of Ruth Rales. 3 4 WHEREAS, Ruth Rales, whose passionate devotion to 5 family led her to espouse the cause of all families through 6 her gift to Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, passed away on 7 Sunday, March 28, 2004, and 8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rales left her name and the benefit of 9 her philanthropy to an agency that for the past 25 years has 10 offered to residents of South Palm Beach County a wide variety of vital human services, and 11 12 WHEREAS, in 1990, Ruth and Norman Rales made a 13 significant contribution that allowed the construction of the 20,000-square-foot building that houses Ruth Rales Jewish 14 Family Service of South Palm Beach County (RRJFS), and 15 WHEREAS, Ruth Rales was born into a Russian-American 16 17 family of modest means in Pittsburgh, and met her future husband, Norman Rales, through her family's dry-cleaning 18 business in Miami, and 19 WHEREAS, the Rales family moved to Pittsburgh and then 20 21 Washington D.C., where Norman, who grew up in an orphanage in 22 New York City, built a home-improvement business and assembled 23 a fortune, and WHEREAS, Ruth and Norman Rales began coming to Florida 2.4 in the 1970s, initially staying in Boca Raton, where they 25 became part of the community, and they continued to divide 26 27 their time for years between Potomac, Maryland, and Florida, 2.8 moving into a residence in Hillsboro Beach in 1996, and WHEREAS, Ruth Rales' concern for struggling families 29 30 continued throughout her life, and she remained involved in 31

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1 the work of RRJFS and was honored along with her husband in 2 1999 at RRJFS Annual Friends of the Family Tribute Dinner, and 3 WHEREAS, Ruth Rales' life is celebrated by those who 4 knew and admired her and the many individuals she helped, as well as by her husband of 55 years and their four children and 5 6 seven grandchildren, and 7 WHEREAS, the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service now 8 serves approximately 15,000 clients a year, offering to people of all ages and backgrounds mental health and support programs 9 for individuals and families, senior services, case management 10 services, financial assistance, and community outreach, NOW, 11 12 THEREFORE, 13 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 14 15 That the Senate marks with mourning the passing of Ruth 16 17 Rales and expresses its grateful recognition of her gifts of 18 unsurpassed generosity to many thousands of residents of this 19 state. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, 20 21 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Norman 22 Rales and his family as a token of the esteem of the Florida 23 Senate. 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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