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1	Senate Resolution No
2	A resolution recognizing the life and
3	accomplishments of Charles W. Cherry, Sr.
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5	WHEREAS, the lifetime accomplishments of Charles W.
6	Cherry, Sr., included significant contributions and leadership
7	in the fields of business, education, public service,
8	publishing, civil rights, and
9	WHEREAS, in 1967 Mr. Cherry became the first
10	African-American businessman to be admitted to the Daytona
11	Beach Board of Realtors and served on the Board for 37 years;
12	founded and served as First Chairman of the Daytona
13	Beach-Volusia County Chamber of Commerce in 1985; and was
14	President and Chief Executive Officer of Mormen Realty and
15	Development, Inc., of Daytona Beach, Tampa, and St.
16	Petersburg, from 1966 until his death on November 16, 2004,
17	and
18	WHEREAS, Mr. Cherry's contributions in the field of
19	education included teaching at Campbell Street High School in
20	the late 1950s and managing educational finances as Chief
21	Accountant for Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach from
22	1953-1956 and then as Business Manager of Clafin College in
23	Orangeburg, South Carolina, from 1956 to 1958, and
24	WHEREAS, while at Bethune-Cookman, Mr. Cherry
25	established and developed a highly successful Cooperative
26	Education Program involving students in business, government,
27	and the military, and he was Professor of Business and
28	Director of Cooperative Education at the college from 1959 to
29	1961, and
30	WHEREAS, Mr. Cherry's knowledge, vision, and energy led
31	to his appointment by Governor Rubin Askew to the Statewide

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Steering Committee on Health for 1977-1981; by Governor Bob
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    Graham to the Small and Minority Business Study Commission for
   1984-1986; and by Governor Bob Martinez to the Florida
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   Advisory Board for Education of Blacks in Florida in 1989, a
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   board on which he served until his death in 2004, and
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           WHEREAS, in the field of publishing, Mr. Cherry served
    form 1977 to 2004 as Managing Editor of the Daytona Times and
    the Ft. Pierce Florida Courier and as Senior Consultant to the
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    CEO of Tama Broadcasting, Inc., and he was President of the
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    Southeast Black Publisher's Association from 1986 to 1995, and
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           WHEREAS, Mr. Cherry was also a dedicated civil rights
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   activist serving in a variety of state and national offices in
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    the NAACP, including State President from 1974 to 1984 and as
    a member of the National Board of Directors from 1976 to 1989,
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           WHEREAS, the local community also found a leader in
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    Charles W. Cherry, Sr., who was elected Daytona Beach City
   Commissioner for Zone 6 in 1995 and reelected in 1997, 1999,
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    2001, and 2003, NOW, THEREFORE,
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   Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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           That this legislative body does pause in its
    deliberations to honor the memory of Charles W. Cherry, Sr.,
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    and to recognize his public service and community leadership.
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