

1 WHEREAS, Ann Olesky's tireless efforts led Congress in
2 1998 to include the lake in an authorization for critical
3 restoration projects by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but
4 the funding for those projects was depleted before Lake
5 Trafford's restoration could be begun, and

6 WHEREAS, refusing to give up the campaign to save the
7 lake, Ann continued her lobbying efforts to reach out to
8 officials at every level of government and ultimately achieved
9 the commitment of funds needed from the state and the South
10 Florida Water Management District, and

11 WHEREAS, a contract for the dredging of Lake Trafford
12 was finally signed just 2 days before the unanticipated death
13 of Ann Olesky on June 13, 2004, and

14 WHEREAS, the loss of this vibrant and outstanding
15 community leader is deeply felt by thousands of Florida
16 residents and officials who witnessed her inspired efforts to
17 save Lake Trafford, and

18 WHEREAS, her community has recognized and memorialized
19 Ann Olesky's service and leadership by renaming Lake Trafford
20 Park in Immokalee in her memory, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay
25 its respects to the dedicated efforts and example of Ann
26 Olesky in her successful campaign to restore the environmental
27 health of Lake Trafford for present and future generations of
28 Floridians and to recognize the exemplary value of her work to
29 preserve Florida's ecosystem.

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