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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

WHEREAS, what began as one man's personal statement in the fight against cancer has led to the development of a worldwide event to help banish cancer, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner, took the first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Washington, in May 1985, and clocked 83 miles, raising \$27,000 in support of the American Cancer Society, and

WHEREAS, 220 supporters in 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in 1986 for this overnight event, and the American Cancer Society Relay For Life was born, and

WHEREAS, Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity, offering everyone a chance to participate in the fight against cancer in their local community, and

WHEREAS, Relay For Life has spread to more than 4,100 communities in the United States and 13 foreign countries in the last 20 years, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society hosts Relay For Life events in more than 260 communities across the state and raised more than \$14 million in 2004, and

WHEREAS, the power of Relay For Life is that it allows a community to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of those who have survived the disease

1 while embracing the hope that one day cancer will be
2 eliminated, and

3 WHEREAS, active promotion of and participation in local
4 Relay For Life events allows Floridians to experience the
5 power of Relay, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9 That 2005 is recognized as the 20th Anniversary of the
10 American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay For Life, and
11 urges all Floridians to join their local community members in
12 the fight against cancer.

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