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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution honoring Rotary International on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and recognizing February 23, 2005, as Rotary Day in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chicago was founded on February 23, 1905, when Chicago attorney Paul Harris and three business associates formed a club to share "mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages," and

WHEREAS, by 1921, Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents, prompting the adoption of the name Rotary International in 1922, and

WHEREAS, as Rotary International grew, its focus changed from serving the business and professional needs of its members to serving communities in need, a sentiment expressed in its motto: "Service Above Self," and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation, established in 1928, has garnered contributions in excess of \$80 million annually to support a range of humanitarian grants and educational programs, and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary International made a commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio, and by the centennial of Rotary in 2005, more than \$500 million will have been committed to the eradication of polio, and

WHEREAS, Rotary International, approaching its 100th anniversary, consists of 1.2 million members in some 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries, all committed to addressing

1 such problems as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world
2 hunger, and children at risk, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6 That the Florida Senate honors the ongoing
7 contributions of Rotary International to communities
8 throughout the state, nation, and world, and recognizes
9 February 23, 2005, as Rotary Day in Florida.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
11 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Glenn E.
12 Estess, Sr., president of Rotary International, as a token of
13 the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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