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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution commending the Tampa Bay Lightning  
for its victory in the 2004 Stanley Cup  
Playoffs.

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Lightning won the coveted  
Stanley Cup on June 7, 2004, at the St. Pete Forum, defeating  
the Calgary Flames by a score of 2 to 1, and

WHEREAS, this was the first Stanley Cup victory in the  
franchise's history, culminating a stunningly successful  
season that thrilled the Lightning's many enthusiastic fans,  
and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Lightning has had an  
inspirational rise from its initial years in the early 1990's  
as a struggling expansion team to a championship team under  
General Manager John Feaster and Coach John Tortorella, and

WHEREAS, the team and its management have made  
innumerable contributions to the vitality of the Tampa Bay  
area and the State of Florida, including the many benefits of  
national visibility, increased jobs and expanded economic  
activity, wholesome family entertainment, and a unifying pride  
in Tampa Bay and Florida, and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Tampa Bay Lightning  
organization hosts several fundraisers each season to benefit  
local charities and other worthy community causes throughout  
the Tampa Bay area, and has created a significant range of  
educational programs that benefit the children of Tampa Bay,  
including programs in reading, teamwork, and career planning,  
and

WHEREAS, the Lightning's Stanley Cup victory brings to  
Tampa Bay and Florida the most famous trophy in the sporting

1 world and the oldest trophy competed for by professional  
2 athletes, a highly celebrated prize that has traveled the  
3 world, draws its own following, and is highly beneficial in  
4 raising funds for charitable and other worthy local and  
5 regional causes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9           That the Florida Senate recognizes, commends, and  
10 honors the players, the coaches, and the managers and owners  
11 of the Tampa Bay Lightning for their great victory in winning  
12 the Stanley Cup and for all the other benefits they have  
13 brought to Tampa Bay and the State of Florida.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
15 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Tampa  
16 Bay Lightning as a tangible token of the sentiments of the  
17 Florida Senate.

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