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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending the Florida Goodwill Association for its contributions to the economic base of the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries, operating on the belief that productivity and vocation are cornerstones of life, and that all people have a right to be treated with dignity and respect without regard to race, gender, age, marital status, national origin, or state of health, is now the largest nonprofit provider of vocational training and employment services in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries provides quality vocational training and employment services to people who are impaired by disabilities and to those who suffer other disadvantages, such as being undereducated or illiterate, welfare-dependent, or homeless, or having a criminal history, and

WHEREAS, through the 103 years of its existence, Goodwill Industries has successfully designed and implemented many innovative vocational training and employment programs, enabling millions of disabled and disadvantaged people to develop career opportunities and improve the quality of their lives, and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2004, 215,295 Floridians have participated in the programs administered by Goodwill Industries, and 52,422 of those participants have obtained gainful employment in the communities in which they live, and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2004, the Florida Goodwill Association, through nine local Goodwill Industries entities operating throughout Florida, collectively generated

1 \$550,464,241 in earnings realized by people placed in
2 community employment, resulting in a significant contribution
3 to the state's economic base and increasing its tax revenues,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of Florida provided \$1
6 million of in-kind donations to the Florida Hurricane Relief
7 Fund, providing hurricane survivors with clothing and
8 household items to assist affected Floridians recover from the
9 2004 hurricane season, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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13 That the Florida Senate commends the Florida Goodwill
14 Association and honors the organization for its valued
15 programs, which have expanded the opportunities and
16 occupational capabilities of millions of Floridians and helped
17 the state in its greatest time of need.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
19 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mr. Fred
20 Shelfer, President of the Florida Goodwill Association, as a
21 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.
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