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Senate Resolution No. _____

A resolution recognizing April 20, 2005, as
"Florida Institute of Certified Public
Accountants Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 1905, the Florida Society of
Accountants, now the Florida Institute of Certified Public
Accountants (FICPA), was formed in order to uphold the highest
educational and ethical standards of the accounting profession
while ensuring its continued growth and success, and

WHEREAS, from 1905, when legislative efforts of the
society resulted in Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward's
signing of Florida's first accountancy law, through 2004, when
the FICPA supported legislation relating to licensure and a
mandatory ethics course, the organization has worked to
promote the highest standards of professionalism and to
protect the needs of the general public, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the FICPA successfully supported
legislation that, in 1983, enabled Florida to become the first
major state to implement the 150-hour education requirement
for CPA candidates to further ensure that the public receives
the services of educated, tested, and licensed professionals,
and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the FICPA sought support from the
Florida Legislature to create the Division of Certified Public
Accounting, and

WHEREAS, the FICPA has gone to great lengths to assist
in the establishment and, since 1992, the funding of an
unlicensed activity public awareness campaign that has
resulted in the equivalent of \$11 million in airtime, through

1 \$1.65 million of CPA license fees, developed to protect the
2 public from illegal activities, and

3 WHEREAS, the FICPA established an educational
4 foundation in 1959 which has distributed more than \$1.7
5 million in scholarships to accounting students and
6 universities and has created a High School Coordinators
7 program that has placed 660 volunteer certified public
8 accountants in over 585 high schools in Florida to encourage
9 students to consider a career in accounting, and

10 WHEREAS, in 1998, in order to assist minority students
11 in completing their fifth year of college accounting
12 education, the FICPA sought legislation that created the
13 Minority Scholarship Program, funded solely by CPA license
14 fees, that has awarded \$408,000 to 79 students; and in that
15 same year, in an effort to encourage rising minority students
16 to explore career opportunities in business, finance, or
17 accounting, the FICPA created a Minority Summer Residency
18 Program to enable high school seniors to spend a week on a
19 college campus, and

20 WHEREAS, in 1998, the FICPA worked cooperatively in a
21 public-private partnership with the Florida Department of
22 Revenue to create the Certified Audit Program, which, since
23 1999, has recovered over \$6.9 million in underpaid taxes to
24 the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That the Senate, in honor of the 100-year anniversary
29 of the FICPA, recognizes April 20, 2005, as "Florida Institute
30 of Certified Public Accountants Day" in Florida.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
2 be presented to Lloyd "Buddy" Turman, Chief Executive Officer
3 and Executive Director of the FICPA, as a tangible token of
4 the sentiments of the Florida Senate.
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