

By Senator Atwater

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

A resolution recognizing April 10, 2005, as "Professional Golfers' Association of America Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA) was founded in New York City on April 10, 1916, with 35 charter members and, today, is the world's largest working sports organization, comprising more than 28,000 male and female professionals who are dedicated to the growth of the game of golf, and

WHEREAS, the headquarters of PGA of America, commonly known as PGA National, has been located in Palm Beach County since March 17, 1965, and recently celebrated 40 years in Palm Beach County, and

WHEREAS, the PGA hosts one of the preeminent events of all sports, the Ryder Cup Matches, a tournament that, since its inception in 1927, has been held every 2 years almost without exception, and

WHEREAS, attracting large numbers of out-of-state visitors as well as countless residents, the more than 1,300 golf courses in Florida are major contributors to the economy and well-being of the state, generating substantial revenues, providing employment for thousands, raising property values, and protecting and enhancing the environment, and

WHEREAS, the golf industry in Florida makes enormous contributions to a wide range of community and charitable organizations, conducts junior golf camps for tens of thousands of youngsters, holds the Special Olympics National Golf Tournament and the National Minority College Golf Championship, and conducts community outreach programs that

1 | afford anyone who desires the opportunity to enjoy the game of  
2 | golf, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6 |         That April 10, 2005, is recognized as "Professional  
7 | Golfers' Association of America Day" in Florida, the PGA of  
8 | America is commended for its promotion of the game of golf and  
9 | the resultant positive impact on the state, and residents and  
10 | visitors alike are urged to take an afternoon and enjoy a  
11 | round of golf.

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