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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing Officer Robert Francis Grim, Sr., who died in the line of duty on November 13, 2004, after a lifetime of dedicated service as a police officer and police chief in Volusia County.

WHEREAS, Robert Francis Grim, Sr., was born on December 7, 1943, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and moved to Florida following his service in the U.S. Army, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Daytona Police Academy, he went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida and began a lifetime career of dedicated service as a police officer in Volusia County, and

WHEREAS, Officer Grim was deeply passionate about the safety of his community and was selected to serve as the state's first school resource officer, creating and establishing the program that continues to be modeled throughout the state today, and

WHEREAS, he also organized 28 new neighborhood watch units, leading to the creation of a Residential Security Check System; developed a "Stranger Danger" and Bicycle Safety Program for the schools; and taught D.A.R.E. to many elementary school children, and

WHEREAS, as a Volusia County Sheriff's Deputy, Officer Grim developed and organized Crime Stoppers in Volusia County into a successful, nonprofit citizen-based organization, and produced, wrote, and directed crime scene reenactments as public service announcements on television and radio, and

1 WHEREAS, in 1997, Officer Grim was selected as Chief of
2 Police of the Daytona Beach International Airport Police
3 Department, leading a full-service police department, and, in
4 July 2003, joined the Ormond Beach Police Department,
5 continuing his community involvement and dedication to public
6 safety, and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Grim's courage, dedication, and
8 innovative leadership led to his recognition in a Commendation
9 for Bravery and to his being named Jaycee Law Enforcement
10 Officer of the Year and Elks Law Enforcement Officer of the
11 Year, and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Grim was killed in the line of
13 duty on November 13, 2004, ending an exemplary career in
14 public service, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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18 That the Senate recognizes and commends the
19 achievements, contributions, and sacrifices of Officer Robert
20 Francis Grim, Sr., and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his
21 wife, Linda, their children, and other family members.
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