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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, the 20th Anniversary of their Jewish Community Foundation, and the bar mitzvah year of the Richard and Carole Siemens Campus.

WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and the Jewish Community Foundation this year celebrate their 25th and 20th Anniversaries, respectively, and

WHEREAS, beginning humbly in Boca Raton as a small satellite office of the West Palm Beach-based Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, the Jewish Federation has become one of the most active and prominent in the country and grown from a membership of 37,000 people in 1980 to more than 130,000 today, and

WHEREAS, this vigorous development was spearheaded by James Baer, who recognized the need for a separate federation in Palm Beach County, and by Roy Flack, Stanley Katz, and Richard Siemens, who donated land for a federation site west of Boca Raton, and

WHEREAS, the Federation's vibrant Richard and Carole Siemens Campus, built on that land, is celebrating its bar mitzvah year with improvements to its facilities and its security, and the Jewish Federation has also expanded to both the North Campus and the Weinberg Center in Delray Beach, and

WHEREAS, through the vigorous work of its lay leadership and its dedicated professionals, and with the generous support of its membership, the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County has accomplished great things over the

1 past quarter century in working toward its primary goal -- to
2 make life better for Jews no matter where they live, and

3 WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation has raised hundreds of
4 millions of dollars to rescue, educate, and comfort needy Jews
5 in our state and region and in dozens of countries around the
6 world, and has joined its efforts with, and continues to
7 support, the Ruth Rales Jewish Family Center, the Donna Klein
8 Jewish Academy, the Adolph and Rose Levis Jewish Community
9 Center, the Jewish Association for Residential Care, and other
10 local, national, and international social service agencies and
11 educational institutions, and

12 WHEREAS, the Jewish Federation and its Foundation have
13 fulfilled the promises of their motto -- "Honoring our roots.
14 Living our values. Strengthening our future." -- and continue
15 to provide a shining example of community spirit and humane
16 and enlightened social action, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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20 That the Senate recognizes and commends the
21 community-building and human welfare accomplishments of the
22 Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County and the Jewish
23 Community Foundation on their 25th and 20th Anniversaries,
24 respectively, and also recognizes the bar mitzvah year of the
25 Richard and Carole Siemens Campus and its expansion and
26 development as landmarks of the vision and commitment of these
27 exemplary organizations.