

By Senator King

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Senate Resolution

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 104 years of its existence, Goodwill Industries has successfully designed and implemented many innovative vocational training and employment programs, enabling millions of people with disabilities and disadvantages to develop career opportunities and improve the quality of their lives, and

WHEREAS, in the 2005 calendar year, 127,795 Floridians participated in the programs administered by Goodwill Industries, and 43,178 of those participants obtained gainful employment in the communities in which they live, and

WHEREAS, in the 2005 calendar year, the Florida Goodwill Association, through nine local Goodwill Industries entities operating throughout Florida, collectively generated

1 more than \$409,721,168 in earnings realized by people placed
2 in community employment, resulting in a significant
3 contribution to the state's economic base and increasing its
4 tax revenues, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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8 That the Senate commends the Florida Goodwill
9 Association and the entire Goodwill organization for its
10 valued programs, which have expanded the opportunities and
11 occupational capabilities of millions of Floridians.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
13 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mr. Fred
14 Shelfer, President of the Florida Goodwill Association, as a
15 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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