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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of K-9 Officer
Roy Lundell Nelson, Jr.

WHEREAS, Roy Lundell Nelson, Jr., born May 29, 1969, in
Bartow, Florida, the son of Roy, Sr., and Susan Nelson,
graduated from Lakeland Senior High School in 1988,
subsequently attended Polk Community College and Hillsborough
Community Fire Academy, and in 1993 began his public service
career as a part-time firefighter with the Polk County Fire
Department, and

WHEREAS, spurred by a long-time desire to enter law
enforcement, Roy soon enrolled in the Southwest Florida
Criminal Justice Academy in Fort Myers, became a certified
police officer, and in 1998 joined the New Smyrna Beach Police
Department, where, exhibiting a keen interest in narcotics
law, he was assigned in 2003 to the K-9 unit and partnered
with K-9 Ceasar, a one-year-old Belgian Malinois, while also
serving on the department's Special Response Team and its Bike
Patrol, and

WHEREAS, Officer Nelson died in the line of duty on
August 13, 2005, a superb example of one of "America's
finest," as attested to by the many letters of appreciation
received from the community over the years, by his service
commendations within the department, and by the recounting by
colleagues and citizens of his many acts of kindness,
dedication to duty, and heroism, and

WHEREAS, Officer Nelson is fondly remembered as a real
hero by one New Smyrna Beach couple who wrote of how he
dismantled an automobile engine in order to free two kittens
trapped inside; he was chosen as a member of the presidential

1 detail when President George W. Bush visited the city in 2002;
2 in 2003 he arrested Michael Thomas Seibert, one of "America's
3 Most Wanted"; and, most recently, as one of the officers who
4 rescued a local disabled person who had fallen from his
5 wheelchair into the water while fishing, he remained with the
6 man until Emergency Volunteer Air Corps personnel arrived, and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Nelson is survived by his wife, Angie
8 Nelson; two daughters, Samantha Steinmetz and Sabrina Nelson;
9 his parents, Roy, Sr., and Susan Nelson; a brother, Robert
10 Nelson; and a sister, Patricia Andress, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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14 That the Senate honors the memory of K-9 Officer Roy
15 Lundell Nelson, Jr., and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his
16 wife, Angie, their children, and his other family members.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
18 be presented to Angie Nelson as a tangible token of the
19 sentiments of the Florida Senate.
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