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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 5 as "Change a Light Day," a part of the ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World Campaign.

WHEREAS, the ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World Campaign is a national campaign sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy to encourage Americans to save energy by switching to more efficient ENERGY STAR lighting, and

WHEREAS, switching to light bulbs and fixtures that qualify for the ENERGY STAR designation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy will save energy, money, and time while helping to protect the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency states that ENERGY-STAR-qualified lighting requires two-thirds less energy than standard lighting, generates 70 percent less heat, and lasts up to 10 times longer, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency also states that if one light in each household were changed to an ENERGY-STAR-qualified light, more than 35 billion pounds of emissions would be avoided -- the environmental equivalent of taking 1 million cars off the road, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency further states that if each household in the United States were to replace its five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with an ENERGY STAR model, each household would save more than \$60 a year in energy costs, and

WHEREAS, on a national scale, the Environmental Protection Agency states that these savings amount to a

1 reduction in electricity costs of more than \$6 billion
2 annually, and a savings of more than 800 billion kilowatt
3 hours of energy -- an amount equal to the annual output of
4 more than 20 power plants and enough energy to light more than
5 30 million homes in the United States, and

6 WHEREAS, beginning in 2005, October 5 is "Change a
7 Light Day," and during the months of October and November each
8 year the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of
9 Energy, along with partners around the country, are
10 encouraging Americans to take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light
11 Pledge, and

12 WHEREAS, besides taking this pledge, each Floridian can
13 become a partner in the Change a Light Campaign by helping, in
14 a wide variety of ways, to publicize the Change a Light
15 Campaign and Pledge -- for example by adding a link to the
16 Change a Light Pledge on a website, taking part in local
17 events such as energy-efficient lighting change-outs at an
18 historical landmark, or encouraging local leaders to become
19 involved in Change a Light Day, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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23 That October 5 is recognized as "Change a Light Day,"
24 and residents of this state are encouraged to take the Change
25 a Light Pledge and to participate as partners in the ENERGY
26 STAR Change a Light, Change the World Campaign.

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