By Senator Crist

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1	Senate Resolution
2	A resolution recognizing the Florida Orchestra
3	on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.
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5	WHEREAS, the Florida Orchestra has been serving the
6	communities of Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg since its
7	founding on November 3, 1967, as the Florida Gulf Coast
8	Symphony, with the merger of the Saint Petersburg Symphony
9	Orchestra and the Tampa Philharmonic, and
10	WHEREAS, the Florida Orchestra, a state-designated
11	major cultural institution, is one of the premier regional
12	orchestras in the United States and is a major cultural asset
13	to the Tampa Bay community and this state, and
14	WHEREAS, the Florida Orchestra was named "Best
15	Orchestra in the Southeast" by American Record Guide in 1997,
16	and was described as being "on the level of the San Francisco
17	Symphony under Michael Tilson Thomas," and
18	WHEREAS, widespread community support has fostered the
19	Florida Orchestra's continued success, and world-class musical
20	leadership and experienced professional management, coupled
21	with conscientious board oversight and strong financial
22	support, have enabled the Florida Orchestra to maintain high
23	artistic achievement in a wide range of performances, and
24	WHEREAS, today, as the Florida Orchestra celebrates its
25	40th Anniversary, the organization and its outstanding
26	musicians are stronger and more accomplished than ever, NOW,
27	THEREFORE,
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29	Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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1   That the Florida Senate recognizes and celebrates the

2   40th Anniversary of the Florida Orchestra.

3   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,

4   with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the

5   Florida Orchestra as a tangible token of the sentiments of the

6   Florida Senate.

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