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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 20, 2007, as  
"STOP Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, violence in America's schools threatens the  
core of the educational process and deprives students and  
teachers of opportunities to learn and teach without the fear  
of harm, and

WHEREAS, "STOP Day" is intended to raise awareness of  
the growing epidemic of violence in America's schools and to  
motivate those who foment violence to opt for peaceful  
resolution of their grievances and a path of self-improvement  
and healing, and

WHEREAS, students are urged to recite the "Stop Day"  
pledge, which states: "I pledge to be nonviolent and to  
respect my fellow classmates. I will report crime or acts of  
violence to appropriate officials or call Crime Stoppers to  
report incidents anonymously. I will not let the actions of a  
few make my school dangerous or unsafe. I want a safe  
learning environment and will work with my fellow students to  
make it so," and

WHEREAS, "STOP Day" participants are urged to show  
their support by developing anti-violence community service  
projects, inviting legal professionals to speak to student  
groups, conducting open-ended skits that allow student  
observers to predict outcomes of conflict based upon real-life  
choices, developing a process that encourages the reporting of  
school crime or violence, and conducting mock trials, and

WHEREAS, "STOP Day" will give every student in Florida  
an opportunity to evaluate this critical issue and assess his

1 or her role in preventing crime or violence in our schools,  
2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6 That the Florida Senate is aware of the importance of  
7 stopping violence in schools and recognizes April 20, 2007, as  
8 "STOP Day" in the State of Florida.

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