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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 20th Anniversary
of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in
Tampa, Florida.

WHEREAS, in 1987 the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
(TBPAC) opened its doors to provide touring Broadway
performances, grand opera, comedy, concerts, cabaret, drama,
and dance to patrons throughout the extended Tampa Bay area,
and

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years TBPAC has entertained
almost 10 million residents and visitors and has become the
largest performing arts center in the southeastern U.S. and
the largest south of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.,
and

WHEREAS, TBPAC expanded its educational efforts in 2004
when it opened the Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts
Conservatory, teaching music, theater, dance, and digital arts
to all ages and interest groups, and

WHEREAS, more than 860,000 children have attended
performances at TBPAC, many of them visiting a theater for the
first time, through the On-School-Time program, and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 percent of TBPAC's budget
comes from ticket sales, rentals, and other income, with the
remaining funds coming from governments, corporations,
foundations, and 5,700 individual donors, and

WHEREAS, TBPAC has a \$94-million annual economic impact
on the State of Florida, according to the formula used by the
U.S. Council of Mayors and the Americans for the Arts, with
its bottom line boosted by some 650 volunteers donating more
than 75,000 hours of support annually, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the Florida Senate proudly recognizes and
4 celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Tampa Bay Performing
5 Arts Center and urges the residents of the State of Florida to
6 support the performing arts throughout the state and
7 particularly at the TBPAC and at the Patel Performing Arts
8 Conservatory in Tampa, Florida.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
10 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Tampa
11 Bay Performing Arts Center as a tangible token of the
12 sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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