

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Eugene C. Badger for his lifetime accomplishments in agricultural leadership and service to the residents of Florida.

WHEREAS, Eugene C. Badger was born July 30, 1928, in rural St. Johns County near Hastings and was raised sharing responsibilities on his family's potato farm while attending St. Johns County public schools, and

WHEREAS, his leadership qualities emerged early when he became an officer of the Hastings Chapter of Future Farmers of America, and he showed FFA Grand Champion steers in the southeast in 1944 and 1945, and

WHEREAS, working summers as a migrant farm worker in four states during the farm labor shortage during World War II, Mr. Badger graduated from Hastings High School in 1946 and then earned his B.S.A. degree in Agricultural Economics and Education at the University of Florida in 1949, then working as a teacher of vocational agriculture in Palatka, Florida, from 1949 to 1951, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Badger then entered military service and graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps's Special Basic School in 1952, served in Japan and Korea, and received an Honorable Discharge as Captain, and

WHEREAS, in 1955 he married the former Irma McCollum and their marriage produced four daughters, all of whom have gone on to study at the University of Florida and all of whom have attained postgraduate degrees in various fields, and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Badger's career has been marked by personal
30 success in the area of farm bureau insurance and by significant
31 service to farmers and the farm industry in Florida through
32 regional and statewide organizations, and

33 WHEREAS, his many leadership roles include directing the
34 Putnam-St. Johns Farm Bureau and serving on its property rights
35 committee as it worked with Florida legislators; serving as
36 Director of the Florida Poultry Association; serving on
37 committees working to improve federal crop insurance for sweet
38 corn and other crops; and serving as State Executive Director of
39 the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and

40 WHEREAS, Eugene Badger also serves on the Everglades
41 Research Center Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors of the
42 Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame, and the Board of Directors of
43 Alpha Gamma Rho Educational Foundation, in addition to his
44 participation in numerous civic and professional associations,

45 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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49 That the Florida Senate recognizes and honors the
50 accomplishments and service of Eugene C. Badger in the vital
51 fields of agriculture, agribusiness, and governmental relations
52 with Florida's farmers and farm industry.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
54 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Eugene C. Badger
55 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.