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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 3-7, 2008, as "Florida Manufacturers Week" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers currently number 16,911 companies, employing 390,200 residents, and

WHEREAS, manufacturing in Florida contributes \$35.9 billion to the state's gross domestic product and represents 93 percent of all exports originating in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are doing business in 222 countries, with Brazil, Canada, Venezuela, Mexico, and Colombia being the top five countries importing Florida products, and

WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers provide well-paying jobs that require many advanced skills, generating an average annual wage of \$46,540, and

WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are engaged in a wide variety of manufacturing businesses, including computer and electronic products; transportation equipment; fabricated metal products; food; mineral products; machinery; printing; wood and paper products; chemicals; furniture; plastics and rubber products; beverages; textile products; apparel; energy products; cement and concrete; medical equipment; architectural products; aerospace products; semiconductor and electronic components; ships and boats; household products; and communication equipment, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation in communication equipment and defense electronic manufacturing employment; fourth in photonics and high-tech manufacturing employment; and in the top 10 in electronics components, semiconductors, and electromedical equipment manufacturing employment, and

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30 WHEREAS, Florida is currently faced with a shortage of  
31 skilled and trained workers for the manufacturing sector, and

32 WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are actively engaged in the  
33 education and training of their future workforce through  
34 partnerships with state agencies and educational institutions,  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Florida manufacturers are competing with other  
37 states and countries for market share, and their success in this  
38 competition is vital because the state's manufacturing sector  
39 provides a major stabilizing influence on Florida's economy, NOW,  
40 THEREFORE,

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

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44 That the Florida Senate recognizes the great importance of  
45 the manufacturing sector to Florida's economy and recognizes  
46 November 3-7, 2008, as "Florida Manufacturers Week."