

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring Florida author Alex Flinn.

WHEREAS, Alex Flinn is the author of seven novels for young people which have been widely acclaimed by reviewers across the United States, and

WHEREAS, many of her books have made the American Library Association's "Best Books for Young Adults" list, as well as "Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers," intended for teens who might not be eager to read, and

WHEREAS, three of Alex Flinn's books - "Breathing Underwater," "Nothing to Lose," and "Fade to Black" - have received such teen-selected honors as being named to the International Reading Association's Young Adult Choices list, and

WHEREAS, Alex Flinn's books have also been nominated for state awards, "Breathing Underwater" won the Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Award in 2004, and "Beastly" is nominated for the 2009 Lone Star State (Texas) Award, and

WHEREAS, Alex Flinn's novels, in hardcover and paperback, have sold hundreds of thousands of copies throughout North America, and her books have been translated into many foreign languages and sold internationally, and

WHEREAS, few writers for young people have captured so well the images of contemporary Florida, both the Florida of dreams and the reality of its cosmopolitan population, and her newest novel, "A Kiss in Time," set in the glamorous Florida of today, will be published nationally by Harper Collins in 2009, and

WHEREAS, Alex Flinn's profound concern for today's young people and the often torturous choices they must make to meet

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30 | society's demands are unique in the publishing industry, and her
31 | ability to address the role of the arts in young people's lives
32 | is part of her passionate message, and

33 | WHEREAS, Alex Flinn's novels appeal to teens who are not
34 | already avid readers and thus open up the world of reading to
35 | innumerable young Floridians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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39 | That the Senate honors and commends the literary
40 | accomplishments of Alex Flinn and applauds in particular her
41 | ability to reach young people through novels that confront and
42 | help them meet the issues and challenges in their lives.

43 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
44 | the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Alex Flinn as a
45 | tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.