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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending the People to
People Student Ambassador Program.

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower believed that
ordinary citizens of different nations, if able to communicate
directly, would solve their differences and find a way to live in
peace, and in 1956 he put those beliefs into action when he
created the People to People Ambassador Program, and

WHEREAS, that year President Eisenhower called a special
White House conference of American leaders, who joined him in
creating the People to People initiative, and as a result the
People to People mission developed around personal exchanges and
firsthand experiences with other cultures, and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1963, the People to People Student
Ambassador Program has sent thousands of young Americans across
international borders and to areas within the continental United
States to learn what it means to be a good neighbor and a global
citizen, and

WHEREAS, following his participation in the 1964 People to
People International White House conference, Walt Disney created
the "It's a Small World" attraction, which has introduced more
than 250 million people to the concept that, despite our
differences, our planet's citizens all share the same core
values, and

WHEREAS, as Student Ambassadors and governmental leaders
travel under the banner of People to People, they represent the
best of our country's aspirations: hope, courage, openness, and a
love of peace, and

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30 WHEREAS, this summer approximately 3,000 students from the
31 State of Florida will participate in the People to People Student
32 Ambassador Program, helping to exemplify and realize President
33 Eisenhower's insight that "peaceful relations between nations
34 require mutual respect between individuals," and

35 WHEREAS, in President John F. Kennedy's words, "the nature
36 of People to People activities is as varied as the individuals
37 involved. The housewife whose recipe contains the yeast of
38 kindness, the soldier whose arms embrace homeless waifs, the
39 doctor who heals with humility, all assert a single theme - the
40 power of people, acting as individuals, to respond imaginatively
41 to the world's need for peace," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That the Florida Senate supports the vision and
46 accomplishments of the People to People Student Ambassador
47 Program and commends all those who have devoted time and effort
48 to its success.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate applauds the
50 thousands of young Floridians who will serve as People to People
51 Student Ambassadors during the coming summer and in the future.