

By The Senate of the State of Florida

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and honoring Faye W. Blanton, Secretary of the Florida Senate, on the occasion of her retirement following an outstanding career in government service to the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Faye Blanton was elected Secretary of the Florida Senate in November 1996, the first woman to be elected to this office for a full 2-year term, and she has since been unanimously reelected to that office, and

WHEREAS, Secretary Blanton's great gifts and talents as an administrator and manager, and her deep knowledge and experience with the Florida legislative process since 1970, have kept the Senate running smoothly as the legislative workload has grown and technological complexity in the legislative process and product has increased, and

WHEREAS, Secretary Blanton served as Assistant to the Secretary of the Senate for 10 years beginning in 1974, and as Assistant Secretary from 1984 until her election as Secretary in 1996, and

WHEREAS, Secretary Blanton played an important role on the staff of the 1977-1978 Florida Constitution Revision Commission, and was Secretary and Parliamentarian of the 1997-1998 Florida Constitution Revision Commission, and

WHEREAS, Secretary Blanton has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Legislative Research Center and Museum, has lectured on the legislative process, and has managed many mock legislative sessions for civic, student, international, and private groups, and

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30 WHEREAS, among her additional public service activities, she
31 has been an adviser and counselor for Girls State, Boys State,
32 the YMCA Youth Legislature, and the Silver-Haired Legislature,
33 introducing many thousands of Florida residents to the
34 legislative process, and

35 WHEREAS, throughout the years of her leadership in the
36 administration of the Senate's work process, Faye Blanton has
37 consistently earned the admiration and love of her colleagues and
38 employees through her personal vibrancy, professionalism,
39 kindness, compassion, and graciousness, and

40 WHEREAS, among Secretary Blanton's proudest accomplishments
41 have been balancing a long and rewarding career with the Florida
42 Senate along with a fulfilling family life; helping Senators and
43 Senate staff on a daily basis with procedural and other issues
44 regarding the welfare of the Senate; working with the many Senate
45 professional staff who have traditionally been known as "the
46 Senate Family"; and creating the Senate Kids Web Page and the
47 Senate Kids Handbook, and

48 WHEREAS, Secretary Blanton has earned the high respect and
49 gratitude of the members of the Florida Senate throughout her 38-
50 year career, and she will be missed more than words can say by
51 the entire Senate Family, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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55 That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends Secretary
56 Faye Blanton for her long and distinguished service to the
57 Florida Senate and to the people of Florida, and offers her its
58 congratulations and best wishes for a long and enjoyable

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59 retirement with her husband, Edwin F. Blanton, and their children
60 and grandchildren.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
62 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Faye W. Blanton
63 as a tangible token of the admiration and gratitude of the
64 Florida Senate.