

By Senator Fasano

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Deron Mikal for his exemplary public service as Hernando County's Veterans Service Officer.

WHEREAS, Mr. Deron Mikal is a veteran of the United States Army who served honorably during the Korean Conflict and devoted many years to public service as Hernando County's Veterans Service Officer, and

WHEREAS, in his retirement at the age of 74, he now serves more veterans as a volunteer than he did as a paid service officer and has eased Hernando County's caseload by assisting an ever-increasing number of veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mikal has been honored by the Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corps League, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and many other organizations for his years of service assisting those who have bravely served in the United States Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, he personally takes veterans to the doctor's office and works with physicians to ensure that each veteran receives the benefits he or she deserves, and

WHEREAS, his years of experience and extensive knowledge of the guidelines of the Department of Veterans' Affairs make him one of the most effective volunteers in the state, working with many veterans who have battled for years to receive benefits, and

WHEREAS, Deron Mikal has made it his special mission to assist those who suffer not only from physical disabilities but the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, a condition first

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30 | recognized by the Department of Veterans' Affairs only in 2002,  
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32 |       WHEREAS, Mr. Mikal has advocated on behalf of veterans  
33 | throughout his life and works up to 12 hours a day to assist  
34 | those who have sacrificed so much for our country, NOW,  
35 | 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 pauses in its deliberations to honor the  
40 | significant and beneficial service and accomplishments of Deron  
41 | Mikal.

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