

By Senator Jones

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the memory of Jade Thomas Moore
3 and posthumously commending him for his dedication to
4 the preservation of public education in Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, Jade Thomas Moore embraced the Jeffersonian
7 principle that education is the great equalizer for all children
8 and devoted his life to opening the doors of opportunity and
9 learning for generations of Floridians, and

10 WHEREAS, Jade Moore, born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, was
11 raised in Pinellas County, where he attended Pinellas County
12 public schools, graduated from Clearwater High School in 1965,
13 and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the
14 University of South Florida, and

15 WHEREAS, Jade Moore began his career as a teacher,
16 influencing the lives of many Pinellas County students who still
17 remember him today, and

18 WHEREAS, Jade Moore became Executive Director of the
19 Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association in 1974, a position he
20 proudly held until his death, championing the needs of public
21 school students, teachers, and support staff, and

22 WHEREAS, Jade Moore was recognized for his detailed
23 understanding of education funding, and his professional,
24 nonpartisan manner earned the respect of school board members
25 and five different school superintendents, and

26 WHEREAS, Jade Moore's knowledge of the state's finance and
27 tax system led to his appointment to Florida's Taxation and
28 Budget Reform Commission in 1990 and again in 2007, both times
29 appointed by the Senate President, and

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30 WHEREAS, Jade Moore, armed with a keen intellect and
31 irreverent sense of humor, traveled frequently and tirelessly to
32 the State Capitol to advocate for public schools, befriending
33 many in government with his colorful, outspoken style, and

34 WHEREAS, Jade Moore, a staunch Democrat, counted many
35 Republicans among his closest friends, with candidates from both
36 parties seeking his counsel and the endorsement of the
37 organization he led, and

38 WHEREAS, Jade Moore was a founding member and president of
39 the Suncoast Tiger Bay Club, advocating for a better public
40 understanding of public officials and government, and

41 WHEREAS, Jade Moore was also a faithful leader, elder, and
42 Sunday school teacher at Trinity Presbyterian Church in
43 Clearwater, and served as moderator of the Presbytery of Tampa
44 Bay, and

45 WHEREAS, Jade Moore will be remembered by many, including
46 numerous members of this legislative body, past and present, as
47 a unique individual who had a powerful intellect and the
48 personality to rival it, and whose friendship was cherished and
49 will be sorely missed, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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53 That the Senate does pause in its deliberations to honor
54 the memory of Jade Thomas Moore, gratefully acknowledging his
55 years of service, and posthumously commending him for his
56 dedication to the preservation of public education in Florida.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, with
58 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to his beloved wife

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59 of 38 years, Sue, daughters Jennifer and Michelle, and
60 granddaughter Rowan Jade, as a tangible token of the sentiments
61 of the Florida Senate.