

By Senator Fasano

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Lawrence "Ed" Hoffman for his 50 years of professional and public service as Dean of the Lobbying Corps.

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Ed" Hoffman served in his much-beloved United States Marine Corps with great honor and distinction in the Pacific Theater during World War II and in the Korean War, and

WHEREAS, Ed Hoffman brought his can-do attitude and outstanding leadership abilities to the legislative arena, where he has represented law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and firefighters since 1959, and

WHEREAS, Ed Hoffman has served with distinction as the assistant fire chief for the City of West Palm Beach, as president and president emeritus of Florida Professional Firefighters, and, for the last 27 years, as the senior lobbyist for the Florida Police Benevolent Association, and

WHEREAS, Ed Hoffman's efforts have resulted in many laws that have provided much-needed protection and support for law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, and their families, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Hoffman's efforts, death benefits for the surviving families of law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and firefighters killed in the line of duty have been greatly expanded, legislation has been enacted to ensure that premium tax revenue received by municipalities are properly used for municipal police and fire pensions, and the Special Risk Retirement benefit accrual rate has been fully

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30 restored, and

31 WHEREAS, Ed Hoffman has worked on behalf of our nation's
32 veterans on a pro bono basis as an advocate for legislation
33 benefiting them and their families, and

34 WHEREAS, in 1989, the Legislature recognized Ed Hoffman as
35 "Dean of the Lobbying Corps," and

36 WHEREAS, 2009 is Ed Hoffman's 50th year representing public
37 safety officers before the Legislature, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That Lawrence "Ed" Hoffman, Dean of the Lobbying Corps, is
42 recognized for his 50 years of professional and public service
43 as a true champion of public safety, military veterans, and our
44 representative system of government, and is celebrated for his
45 unsurpassed knowledge of the issues, his legendary work ethic,
46 his ferocious passion for the enactment of legislation
47 benefiting his constituency, and his unequalled integrity.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
49 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Ed Hoffman as a
50 tangible token of the sentiments expressed in this resolution.