

By Senator Joyner

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Senate Resolution

A resolution remembering Sam Horton as a champion of equal opportunity for all in the Hillsborough County public school district and for his dedication as a teacher, administrator, and education reformer.

WHEREAS, Sam Horton was born in historic Bealsville, an East Hillsborough County community settled by a dozen former slaves, and

WHEREAS, Sam Horton attended Hillsborough County public schools, graduating from Marshall High School in 1945, and

WHEREAS, Sam Horton earned a bachelor's degree in education at age 19 from Florida A & M College, and went on to earn his master's degree from Florida State University, and his Ph.D. from Nova University, and

WHEREAS, Sam Horton worked in the Hillsborough County School District for more than 42 years, first as an English teacher and later as a coach and principal, and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Sam Horton became Hillsborough County's first black general director for secondary education, and

WHEREAS, Sam Horton consistently demonstrated his commitment to improving the quality of life and education for all students in the Hillsborough County public school district, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to bring more African-American educators to Hillsborough County, Sam Horton established a local chapter of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and

WHEREAS, Sam Horton served in the leadership of the NAACP and remained committed in his opposition to practices and

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30 policies that might have resulted in more segregated schools,  
31 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 That Sam Horton be remembered as a champion of equal  
36 opportunity for all in the Hillsborough County public school  
37 district and for his dedication as a teacher, administrator, and  
38 education reformer.