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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding public service and extraordinary kindness of Senator James E. "Jim" King, Jr., and designating Room 401 in the Senate Office Building the "James E. 'Jim' King, Jr., Committee Room."

WHEREAS, James E. "Jim" King, Jr., was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 30, 1939, and moved with his family to Florida in 1945, and

WHEREAS, Jim King attended St. Petersburg Junior College, graduating with an A.A. degree in 1959, and then attended Florida State University, where he received undergraduate degrees in 1961 and an M.B.A. in 1962, and

WHEREAS, Jim King remained one of Florida State University's most ardent supporters, serving as president of the Jacksonville Seminole Boosters, Inc., and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida State University Boosters, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Jim King was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1986, where he quickly won the respect of the leadership in the then Democratic-controlled House, soon becoming a respected voice in the debate on key issues, including health care and insurance reform, and

WHEREAS, Jim King rose through the ranks of the House Republican leadership, serving as Majority Leader from 1996 to 1998 and, by the time of his election to the Senate in 1999, his huge heart, quick wit, and passion for his alma mater were well-known to all involved in the legislative process, and

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30 WHEREAS, in the Senate, Senator King quickly ascended to
31 leadership roles, serving as Majority Leader from 2000 to 2002,
32 and President of the Florida Senate from 2002 to 2004, and

33 WHEREAS, Senator King dedicated his entire legislative
34 career to giving Floridians a better quality of life, raising
35 awareness on the importance of end-of-life decisions,
36 championing a quality education system, preserving Florida's
37 unique environment by protecting natural resources such as the
38 St. Johns River, and investing in the state's future by
39 initiating biomedical research programs, and

40 WHEREAS, through his obvious love of people and the warmth
41 of his humor, Senator King demonstrated that collegiality,
42 teamwork, and concerted efforts toward common goals could surely
43 make Florida a better place, and

44 WHEREAS, Senator King was taken from us unexpectedly and
45 much too soon on July 26, 2009, after a valiant battle against
46 pancreatic cancer, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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50 That the colleagues and friends of Senator James E. "Jim"
51 King, Jr., in the Florida Senate do hereby recognize and
52 celebrate his unparalleled legislative service in the Florida
53 House of Representatives and the Florida Senate and honor his
54 legacy of public service.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of his
56 outstanding public service and extraordinary love of Florida and
57 its people, the Senate designates Room 401 of the Senate Office
58 Building as the "James E. 'Jim' King, Jr., Committee Room."

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
60 signed by the President of the Senate, with the Seal of the
61 Senate affixed, be transmitted to Linda Braddock King, widow of
62 Senator James E. "Jim" King, Jr., as a lasting symbol of the
63 respect of the members of the Florida Senate and the people of
64 the State of Florida.