

By Senator Villalobos

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring the Honorable Emiliano Jose "E.J." Salcines, Jr., for his lifetime commitment to public service, education, and the administration of justice.

WHEREAS, Emiliano Jose "E.J." Salcines, Jr., was born in Tampa on July 18, 1938, to naturalized American citizens who moved to this country from Spain after World War I, and

WHEREAS, E.J. Salcines, Jr., graduated from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia, and, in 1959, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida Southern College, and

WHEREAS, in 1963, E.J. Salcines, Jr., received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from South Texas College of Law, where he went on to serve for 16 years as a member of the Board of Trustees and where the "E.J. Salcines Student Lounge" is named in his honor, and

WHEREAS, in 1963, E.J. Salcines, Jr., was named an Assistant State Attorney for Hillsborough County and, from 1964 to 1968, served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Department of Justice in the Middle District of Florida, and

WHEREAS, in 1967, E.J. Salcines, Jr., was appointed as a special federal prosecutor for organized crime in the southern and midwestern states, and subsequently was elected four times and served for 16 years as the County Solicitor and State Attorney in Florida's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and

WHEREAS, E.J. Salcines, Jr., was a career federal and state prosecutor for 22 years and in private practice for 13 years

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30 before being appointed to the bench in the Second District Court  
31 of Appeal by then-Governor Lawton Chiles in 1998, and

32 WHEREAS, E.J. Salcines, Jr., served with great distinction  
33 for 10 years as an appellate judge and continues to serve as a  
34 senior judge after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70,  
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36 WHEREAS, E.J. Salcines, Jr., embraces his Spanish heritage  
37 and achieved many "firsts" as a Hispanic in his service as an  
38 attorney and as a jurist, and, in 1979, was knighted by King  
39 Juan Carlos of Spain into the Royal Order of Queen Isabella, and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as a senior judge, E.J.  
41 Salcines, Jr., is an adjunct professor of law at Stetson  
42 University College of Law and has been a visiting lecturer on  
43 American law and the American court system at the University of  
44 Oviedo and the International University of Menendez-Pelayo in  
45 Spain and in venues in Spanish-speaking countries around the  
46 world, and

47 WHEREAS, in 2008, E.J. Salcines, Jr., received the Champion  
48 of Justice Award from the Tampa Bay Trial Lawyers Association  
49 and the Good Government Award from the Hillsborough County Board  
50 of County Commissioners, which annually confers the "E.J.  
51 Salcines Lifetime Leadership Award" to outstanding leaders in  
52 the community, and

53 WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, E.J. Salcines, Jr., has  
54 been writing, publishing, lecturing, and making radio and  
55 television appearances pertaining both to the law and to this  
56 nation's rich Hispanic heritage, and

57 WHEREAS, his love of the Tampa Bay area has led him to  
58 serve on numerous boards and committees, including his service

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59 as chair of the committee that oversaw the award-winning  
60 activities celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Christopher  
61 Columbus's discovery of America, and

62 WHEREAS, E.J. Salcines, Jr., has been recognized by the  
63 City of Tampa as its "Hispanic Man of the Year," was awarded the  
64 Distinguished Service Award by the University of South Florida  
65 Foundation, and was the recipient of the President's  
66 Distinguished Citizen Award given by the University of South  
67 Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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71 That the members of the Senate recognize Emiliano Jose  
72 "E.J." Salcines, Jr., for his lifetime commitment to public  
73 service, education, and the administration of justice.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
75 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Emiliano Jose  
76 "E.J." Salcines, Jr., as a tangible token of the sentiments of  
77 the Florida Senate.