

By Senator Justice

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing MORE HEALTH, Inc., for its
3 promotion of health and safety to K-12 students in
4 Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

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6 WHEREAS, MORE HEALTH, Inc., is a 501(c)3 organization that
7 began in 1989 as a project of the Junior League of Tampa, and

8 WHEREAS, over the course of the past 20 years, MORE HEALTH,
9 Inc., has developed 23 individual lessons and educated more than
10 two million children in grades K-12 in public and private
11 schools in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, and

12 WHEREAS, the lessons taught by MORE HEALTH, Inc., are
13 developed using the results of needs assessments by local school
14 systems, health departments, hospitals, law enforcement
15 agencies, and community service agencies, and

16 WHEREAS, the lessons taught by MORE HEALTH, Inc., are
17 brought to life by enthusiastic instructors and include pre- and
18 post-visit lesson materials, with educational information
19 distributed to students to take home to encourage family
20 involvement in the adoption of healthy lifestyles, and

21 WHEREAS, classroom evaluations by MORE HEALTH, Inc., show a
22 98 percent approval rating for lesson content and visuals,
23 instructor presentations, and rapport, and

24 WHEREAS, generous sponsorships from more than 30 community
25 organizations allow MORE HEALTH, Inc., to offer its lessons free
26 of charge, with Tampa General Hospital, All Children's Hospital,
27 and the Hillsborough and Pinellas County school districts
28 committed to a long-term partnership, and

29 WHEREAS, the lessons taught by MORE HEALTH, Inc., meet the

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30 required *Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for*
31 *Science, Health, Language Arts, Mathematics and Physical*
32 *Education* and provide students with many tools to cope with
33 life's challenges to make the behavioral changes needed to stay
34 healthy and safe, and

35 WHEREAS, MORE HEALTH, Inc., Executive Director Karen Pesce
36 is the recipient of the 2007 National Health Educator of the
37 Year Award by the National Association of Health Education
38 Centers, the 2009 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
39 National Heroes Award, and the Governor's Point of Light award
40 for her commitment to decreasing the childhood obesity epidemic,
41 and

42 WHEREAS, future goals of MORE HEALTH, Inc., include taking
43 its mission of "providing health and injury prevention education
44 to children and families" to the national level and reaching
45 students throughout the United States with MORE HEALTH lessons,
46 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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50 That MORE HEALTH, Inc., is recognized for its promotion of
51 health and safety to K-12 students in Hillsborough and Pinellas
52 Counties and Executive Director Karen Pesce is congratulated on
53 the recognition at the state and national level of her
54 outstanding leadership and innovation in health and safety
55 education and promotion.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
57 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Karen Pesce as a
58 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.