

By Senator Bennett

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring Mayor John Land, the longest-serving mayor in the State of Florida and the longest-serving full-time mayor in the United States of America.

WHEREAS, John Land was born in Plant City, moved to Apopka at a young age, and attended the University of Florida, and

WHEREAS, John Land served in the United States Army during World War II and was a participant in two campaigns in the European Theater of Operations, and

WHEREAS, upon his return from the military, John Land returned to Apopka, where he went into the manufacturing business before being elected as Mayor of the City of Apopka in 1949, a position he held from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1968, and

WHEREAS, Mayor John Land was again elected to serve as the Mayor of the City of Apopka in 1970 and he has continued to serve the citizens of Apopka ever since, and

WHEREAS, among his many honors during his 58 years as the Mayor of the City of Apopka, Mayor John Land was the recipient of the 1978 Florida League of Cities' E. Harris Drew Municipal Officer of the Year award and was declared to be a "State of Florida Treasure," and

WHEREAS, Mayor John Land, the longest-serving mayor in the State of Florida and the longest-serving full-time mayor in the United States of America, holds the honor of being the only elected official in the state who serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities without appointment or

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30 election, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That the Florida Senate honors Mayor John Land for his many
35 years of public service and for his outstanding contributions to
36 the citizens of the City of Apopka.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
38 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mayor John Land
39 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.