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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 23, 2011, as
3 "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council,
6 Inc., is the Florida entity charged by the Federal Government
7 with advocating for programs that promote positive system
8 changes and that allow persons with developmental disabilities
9 to achieve optimum independence, and

10 WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council,
11 Inc., promotes innovative programs and practices that improve
12 the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities,
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Arc of Florida, a member of the national
15 community-based advocacy organization, is the statewide
16 nonprofit charity that has as its mission the improvement of the
17 quality of life of persons with developmental disabilities, and

18 WHEREAS, The Arc of Florida advocates for the development
19 of public policy and high-quality support services that improve
20 the lives of all Floridians with developmental and other
21 disabilities, and

22 WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council,
23 Inc., and The Arc of Florida sponsor events such as
24 "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day," which offers
25 agencies and organizations the opportunity to provide
26 information about services and programs for persons with
27 disabilities and promote understanding about the challenges and
28 obstacles in the everyday lives of persons with disabilities,
29 and

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30 WHEREAS, "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" is an
31 appropriate time to recognize Florida's public policy
32 accomplishments concerning persons with disabilities and to
33 identify the improvements to public policy which are needed to
34 fully include all of Florida's citizens with developmental
35 disabilities, and

36 WHEREAS, "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" is an
37 appropriate time to honor former council member and self-
38 advocate Idelio Valdes by awarding the Idelio Valdes Leadership
39 and Advocacy Award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That March 23, 2011, is recognized as "Developmental
44 Disabilities Awareness Day" in Florida.