

By Senator Detert

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding achievements of the students, alumni, faculty, and staff of New College of Florida on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary Year as an institution of higher education in Florida.

WHEREAS, New College was founded in 1960 and dedicated its campus on the grounds of the former Charles Ringling estate on Sarasota's bayfront in 1962, and

WHEREAS, in dedicating the campus of New College, celebrants symbolically mixed soil from Harvard, the oldest institution of higher education in the nation, with that of the newest, New College, and

WHEREAS, New College matriculated its first class of students in 1964, graduating this charter class in 1967, and

WHEREAS, for 50 years New College has been dedicated to academic excellence, remaining true to its mission to provide academically talented students with an individualized and challenging educational program by promoting independent study and encouraging undergraduate research and close interaction with faculty members, and

WHEREAS, New College became part of the State University System of Florida in 1975, gained independence as the 11th member of the system in 2001, and, as New College of Florida, was designated the State Honors College for the liberal arts and sciences, and

WHEREAS, New College of Florida has produced national and international scholarship award winners and grant recipients,

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30 including a Fields Medalist, a Rhodes Scholar, a British
31 Marshall Scholar, a Gates Cambridge Scholar, and numerous
32 National Science Foundation Fellows, and has one of the highest
33 per capita number of Fulbright Scholars in the nation, and

34 WHEREAS, New College of Florida has been recognized as one
35 of the nation's leading undergraduate liberal arts and sciences
36 colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Wall Street Journal*,
37 *Forbes*, *Money*, *Time*, *The Princeton Review*, and other
38 publications, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the Florida Senate takes great pride in recognizing
43 the 50th Anniversary Year of New College of Florida and salutes
44 the outstanding achievements of its students, alumni, faculty,
45 and staff on this 27th day of April, 2011.