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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution commending the Hillsborough Area Transit  
3 Authority for its invaluable customer service and  
4 dedication to meeting the transportation needs of the  
5 Tampa Bay Area and demonstrating a superior quality of  
6 service.

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8 WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority  
9 (HART) recently celebrated its 30th year of service to the Tampa  
10 Bay Area, and

11 WHEREAS, HART's growth is reflective of the growth of the  
12 Tampa Bay region, which is one of the nation's most desirable  
13 places to live because of its natural beauty and low cost of  
14 living, and

15 WHEREAS, HART has played an important role in maintaining a  
16 balance between protecting a fragile environment and fostering  
17 economic growth in the Tampa Bay Region and its surrounding  
18 communities, and

19 WHEREAS, HART provided more than 13 million rides in 2009,  
20 which was a new agency record, and

21 WHEREAS, HART has replaced 38 percent of its fleet to  
22 include the latest EPA-certified, low-emission engines,  
23 improving the average age of the fleet and making the customer  
24 experience more enjoyable, and

25 WHEREAS, HART serves as a shining example of how a medium-  
26 size transportation agency can effectively and efficiently meet  
27 the transportation needs of a growing region, and

28 WHEREAS, HART provides vital transportation services for  
29 persons who otherwise would have no way to travel to and from

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30 their places of employment in the Tampa Bay Region, and

31 WHEREAS, HART has demonstrated exceptional dedication to  
32 providing excellent customer service while building solutions to  
33 support Hillsborough County's current and future transportation  
34 needs, and

35 WHEREAS, HART was recently recognized as one of the best  
36 mid-size public transportation systems in North America, NOW,  
37 THEREFORE,

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

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41 That the Hillsborough Area Transit Authority is commended  
42 for its invaluable customer service and dedication to meeting  
43 the transportation needs of the Tampa Bay Area.