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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the
3 inauguration of Bob Martinez as Florida's 40th
4 Governor.

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6 WHEREAS, Bob Martinez was born on December 25, 1934, and
7 was raised in Tampa by his parents Serafin and Ida Carreno
8 Martinez, and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Martinez attended Tampa Bay Boulevard
10 Elementary School, MacFarland Junior High, and Thomas Jefferson
11 High School in Tampa, and

12 WHEREAS, in 1957, Bob Martinez earned an undergraduate
13 degree in Social Science from the University of Tampa and, in
14 1964, received a postgraduate degree in Labor and Industrial
15 Relations from the University of Illinois, and

16 WHEREAS, in 1979, Bob Martinez was elected Mayor of Tampa
17 and, in 1983, was reelected to a second term, and

18 WHEREAS, on September 6, 1986, Bob Martinez received the
19 majority of votes in a crowded Republican primary, and on
20 November 4, 1986, he became the first Hispanic Governor of
21 Florida and only the second Republican Governor of this state
22 since Reconstruction, and

23 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1987, Bob Martinez was inaugurated
24 as Florida's 40th Governor, serving this state honorably
25 throughout his 4 years in office, and

26 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Governor Bob Martinez are
27 numerous and include the creation of Preservation 2000, the
28 largest land acquisition program in the nation, now known as
29 Florida Forever; the creation of the Governor's Commission on

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30 Space, the Florida Turnpike Authority, and the Florida Prepaid
31 College Program; implementation of Florida's first comprehensive
32 growth management law and the Florida Lottery; and advocacy on
33 behalf of Florida's 10th public university, Florida Gulf Coast
34 University, and

35 WHEREAS, Governor Bob Martinez has left an indelible impact
36 on the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the members of the Senate recognize January 6, 2012,
41 as the 25th Anniversary of the inauguration of Governor Bob
42 Martinez and pay tribute to this dedicated public servant.