By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 14 and 15, 2012, as "Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Days" in Florida.

WHEREAS, members of the Florida State Massage Therapy
Association and the Florida Chapter of the American Massage
Therapy Association throughout this state are actively involved
in public awareness and health programs aimed at improving the
health and quality of life of Florida residents, and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Massage Therapy Association and the Florida Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association have been holding Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Days since 1988 for the purpose of educating the Legislature and the public concerning the many health benefits of massage therapy, and

WHEREAS, massage therapists have been licensed and regulated in this state since 1943 and, today, more than 30,323 massage therapists are regulated by the Board of Massage Therapy within the Department of Health under chapter 480, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, massage therapy is a low-cost, high-quality means of enhancing and restoring health, and increased awareness of the benefits of massage therapy will lead to improved health and vitality of the residents of this state, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the benefits of massage therapy for wellness and preventive health measures, NOW, THEREFORE,

20122034 13-01930-12 30 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 31 That February 14 and 15, 2012, are recognized as "Massage 32 Therapy Legislative Awareness Days" in Florida. 33