

By Senator Storms

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Florida Coalition for Children.

WHEREAS, in 1952, a small group of private, nonprofit child-serving agencies banded together to promote better quality in the services provided to the children of this state, and

WHEREAS, this small group has grown over the years to represent nearly 60 agencies that annually provide critical care to 50,000 vulnerable children and their families, including emergency shelter, residential treatment, therapeutic wilderness camps, counseling, foster care, maternity care, adoption, early intervention, in-home services, independent living, and case management, and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the organization restructured in response to the state's adoption of the community-based care child welfare model and formed an unprecedented partnership between child welfare service providers and the emerging community-based care lead agencies, and

WHEREAS, the community-based care child welfare model has been recognized nationally for transforming Florida from one of the worst-performing states to one of the best-performing states in the area of the welfare of children, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Coalition for Children envisions a system of child welfare in Florida that receives a full allocation of resources, is well-managed, and fulfills the needs of this state's abused and neglected children, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Coalition for Children has emerged as a statewide advocacy organization that promotes the protection

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30 of abused and neglected children, the building of strong
31 families, and the prevention of child abuse, and

32 WHEREAS, the member agencies of the Florida Coalition for
33 Children maintain a strong presence for children in the State
34 Capitol, working with members of the Legislature, the Department
35 of Children and Family Services, and other agencies to promote
36 legislation and policies that support quality systems of care
37 through value-based, fiscally accountable programs, NOW,
38 THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the Senate recognizes the invaluable contributions
43 that the member agencies of the Florida Coalition for Children
44 have made to improving the lives of thousands of vulnerable
45 children and their families and extends its congratulations to
46 the staff and volunteers of the Florida Coalition for Children
47 on the occasion of the organization's 60th Anniversary.