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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing "Merry Christmas" as the
3 State of Florida's official greeting for December 25.

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5 WHEREAS, Christmas, a holiday of great significance to most
6 Americans and many other cultures and nationalities, is
7 celebrated annually by Christians throughout the United States
8 and the world, and

9 WHEREAS, on December 25 of each calendar year, American
10 Christians observe Christmas, the holiday celebrating the birth
11 of Jesus Christ, and

12 WHEREAS, popular modern customs of the holiday include gift
13 giving, music, the exchange of greeting cards, a special meal,
14 church celebrations, and the display of Christmas trees, lights,
15 and nativity scenes, and

16 WHEREAS, many Christians and non-Christians throughout the
17 United States and the rest of the world celebrate Christmas as a
18 time to cherish and serve others, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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22 That "Merry Christmas" is recognized as the State of
23 Florida's official greeting for December 25.