

By Senator Simpson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the life work of civil rights
3 activist Margarita Romo and celebrating her induction
4 into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

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6 WHEREAS, Margarita Romo was born in Texas of Mexican
7 descent and is the founder and executive director of Farmworkers
8 Self-Help, Inc., an organization that facilitates the self-
9 development of farmworkers and other underprivileged persons
10 through programs of education, advocacy, organizing, and help,
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12 WHEREAS, as the only woman directing a farmworker
13 organization in this state, Margarita Romo also organized
14 Agricultural Women Involved in New Goals (AWING), the first
15 farmworker women's organization in Florida, and

16 WHEREAS, Margarita Romo also developed the Norma Godinez
17 Learning Center, designed to address the educational needs of
18 farmworkers and other poor, and

19 WHEREAS, Margarita Romo has devoted the past 30 years of
20 her life to improving the quality of life for residents of
21 Tommytown, a depressed, crime-ridden area of Dade City, and

22 WHEREAS, Margarita Romo has devoted her life to community
23 service, including service as a member of the Florida Education
24 and Employment Council for Women and Girls, and 8 years' service
25 as a member of the District 5 Health and Human Services Board of
26 the Department of Children and Families, and

27 WHEREAS, Margarita Romo is the recipient of numerous
28 recognitions and awards, including the Robert Bannerman Award,
29 given to distinguished activists of color; the Clairol Award, in

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30 recognition of the accomplishments of women over age 35; the
31 Cramer-Fisher Award, given by MAZON: A Jewish Response to
32 Hunger, in recognition of her accomplishments in working for the
33 alleviation of hunger and poverty; the Cesar Chavez Award for
34 farmworker advocacy; and the Florida Commission on the Status of
35 Women Achievement Award; and, in 2010, she was named Hispanic
36 Woman of the Year by Tampa Hispanic Heritage, and

37 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2013, Governor Rick Scott
38 announced the selection of Margarita Romo as an inductee into
39 the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame, and

40 WHEREAS, Margarita Romo is a role model and inspiration to
41 all who know her, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That we do hereby recognize and commend the life work of
46 civil rights activist Margarita Romo and celebrate her induction
47 into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.