

By Senator Latvala

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Clearwater Beach's election by the readers of *USA Today* as "Florida's best beach town."

WHEREAS, Clearwater Beach stretches along 3 miles of blindingly white sugar-sand beaches on the Sunshine State's west coast and is one of the top tourist destinations along the Gulf Coast, attracting about four million visitors annually, and

WHEREAS, Clearwater Beach was dubbed "the Disney World of beaches" by the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *USA Today* noted that it is equal parts "Mad Men-esque" and flip-flop casual, attracting springbreakers, young families, baseball fans, and snowbirds, and

WHEREAS, Clearwater Beach was the beneficiary of a \$30 million makeover in 2008, which created the broad, palm-lined promenade known as Beach Walk, and

WHEREAS, Clearwater Beach is the birthplace of Hooters Restaurant and home to both retired professional wrestler and restaurateur Hulk Hogan and Hollywood star Winter, the bottlenose dolphin with the prosthetic tail who resides in the nonprofit Clearwater Marine Aquarium, and

WHEREAS, in February 2013, the readers of *USA Today* elected Clearwater Beach "Florida's best beach town" from a slate of 10 nominees advanced by coastal expert Stephen "Dr. Beach" Leatherman, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30           That we recognize Clearwater Beach's election by the  
31 readers of *USA Today* as "Florida's best beach town."