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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of
3 Pasco-Hernando Community College.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1967, the Legislature established Pasco-
6 Hernando Community College (PHCC) as the 28th and final
7 community college, and

8 WHEREAS, under the leadership of PHCC's district board of
9 trustees, the college began operations and enrolled its first
10 student in the fall of 1972, and

11 WHEREAS, through the generosity of the citizens of Pasco
12 and Hernando Counties, land was purchased in Dade City and
13 Governor Reubin O'Donovan Askew dedicated the first building on
14 PHCC's East Campus in Dade City in 1975, and

15 WHEREAS, to serve all 1,200 square miles of its district
16 through conveniently located facilities and to carry out the
17 vision of its district board of trustees, PHCC currently
18 operates campuses in Brooksville, Dade City, New Port Richey,
19 and Spring Hill, and is constructing the Porter Campus at
20 Wiregrass Ranch, a new, full-service campus scheduled to open in
21 Wesley Chapel in 2014, and

22 WHEREAS, PHCC has awarded more than 32,000 degrees and
23 other academic credentials and claims among its distinguished
24 alumni a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist; several current and
25 former members of the Legislature, state executive branch, and
26 United States Congress; and doctors, lawyers, law enforcement
27 officers, educators, nurses, radiographers, paramedics,
28 paralegals, computer and Internet technicians, welders, and
29 numerous other professionals, and

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30 WHEREAS, PHCC serves more than 15,000 students annually and
31 currently offers more than 60 career and academic programs, as
32 well as a wide variety of continuing education, corporate
33 training, and other educational options, to serve the needs of
34 the citizens and businesses of Pasco and Hernando Counties, and

35 WHEREAS, the college maintains active and successful
36 student development and engagement programs, which have earned
37 national and state recognition, as well as intercollegiate
38 athletic programs, which have won several regional and state
39 championships and a national championship in women's volleyball
40 in 2010, and

41 WHEREAS, PHCC continues to maintain its accreditation with
42 the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of
43 Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree, NOW,
44 THEREFORE,

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

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48 That Pasco-Hernando Community College is congratulated on its
49 40th anniversary and recognized for the efforts of its dedicated
50 board of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Pasco-Hernando Community College as a tangible
53 token of the sentiments expressed herein.