

By Senator Bean

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the ballad "I Am Florida."

WHEREAS, the ballad "I Am Florida" was produced and recorded by Walter "Clyde" Orange, a Grammy Award-winning songwriter, vocalist, and founding member of The Commodores, and

WHEREAS, Clyde Orange, Adrian Rezza, and Lucas Rezza wrote the ballad, which was inspired by the lyrics of the poem "I Am Florida," written by South Florida author Allen Autry, Sr., in 2010, and

WHEREAS, Autry's poem "I Am Florida" reflects Clyde Orange's deep love and affection for his birthplace and home, and so he composed the ballad "I Am Florida" to lovingly reflect the beauty and history of this great state, and

WHEREAS, the ballad "I Am Florida" illustrates the reasons that millions of men and women, families, and retired persons have made the state their home and references historical milestones that have contributed to the growth of this state, and

WHEREAS, widely appealing throughout the country, the ballad "I Am Florida" is an outstanding example of what brings so many people to this culturally rich state, and

WHEREAS, "I Am Florida" is deserving of recognition as a great song honoring this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That we recognize the ballad "I Am Florida," written by Walter "Clyde" Orange.