

By Senator Thompson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution remembering the selfless sacrifice of
3 Harriet Ross Tubman in Florida and beyond on the 100th
4 anniversary of her passing.

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6 WHEREAS, Harriet Ross Tubman was born into slavery in
7 Bucktown, Maryland, in or about the year 1820, and

8 WHEREAS, in 1849, Harriet Ross Tubman escaped slavery and,
9 as a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, made as many as 19
10 harrowing trips involving great personal hardship and grave
11 danger to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom, and

12 WHEREAS, Harriet Ross Tubman became an eloquent and
13 effective speaker on behalf of the movement to abolish slavery,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Harriet Ross Tubman served in the Civil War as a
16 soldier, spy, nurse, scout, and cook, including honorable
17 service in Fernandina Beach sometime between 1863 and 1865,
18 where she was recognized for her ability to cure illnesses using
19 native herbs, and

20 WHEREAS, after the Civil War, Harriet Ross Tubman continued
21 to fight for human dignity, human rights, opportunity, and
22 justice for all Americans, and

23 WHEREAS, Harriet Ross Tubman died in old age on Monday,
24 March 10, 1913, at her home in Auburn, New York, of pneumonia,
25 leaving behind one of her most treasured possessions, a small
26 medal given to her by Queen Victoria in recognition of her
27 heroism, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That, on this, the 100th anniversary of her passing, we recognize the extraordinary life of Harriet Ross Tubman and celebrate her work and sacrifice in this state.