

By Senator Evers

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring Colonel Graham W. Fountain for his distinguished service to state and local law enforcement.

WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain began his local law enforcement career in 1980 as a deputy sheriff in Okaloosa County and went on to provide executive leadership in two Florida Panhandle counties, serving as undersheriff to Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert and as chief of staff and director of law enforcement operations for the Walton County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain worked diligently to protect children from crime by working with the Okaloosa District School Board to implement the county's first school resource deputy program and went on to serve in other public safety positions, including chief investigator for the State Comptroller and investigator with the Florida Division of Insurance Fraud, where he was honored for his investigative activities, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain has gone above and beyond the call of duty to further professionalize the field of law enforcement by encouraging public service and community involvement, serving for 6 years as a commissioner of the Florida Commission on Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation and as a two-term president of the State Law Enforcement Chiefs' association, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain has been active in supporting area charities and nonprofits, including Toys for

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30 Tots, Homestead Ministries, Inc., Regenerate Student Ministries,  
31 Inc., Habitat for Humanity, the American Heart Association, and  
32 Florida Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranches, and currently serves  
33 on the Florida Historical Commission, and

34 WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain has been honored with many  
35 awards and recognitions for his commitment to protecting the  
36 citizens of and visitors to this state, and

37 WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain was appointed by Governor  
38 Jeb Bush as Director of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement for the  
39 Florida Department of Transportation where, over the course of 8  
40 years, he brought the agency from relative obscurity to  
41 recognition as one of the top enforcement agencies in the  
42 nation, and

43 WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain served on this state's  
44 Domestic Security Statewide Working Group, the U.S. Department  
45 of Justice Homeland Security Advisory Council, and the State  
46 Emergency Management ESF-16 Executive Leadership Council, and

47 WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain managed the implementation  
48 of the "Pre-Pass" system for prescreening commercial motor  
49 vehicles, reducing the regulatory downtime for trucks traveling  
50 the roadways and saving the transportation industry millions of  
51 travel hours, and

52 WHEREAS, Colonel Graham Fountain has honorably served  
53 Okaloosa and Walton Counties and this state for more than 28  
54 years in the fields of public safety and law enforcement and  
55 will retire on May 10, 2013, from his position as chief of staff  
56 of the Walton County Sheriff's Office, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the Senate recognizes Colonel Graham W. Fountain for his distinguished service to our state; honors him for his extensive contributions in the fields of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice professionalism; and wishes him well upon his retirement.