

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Henry Morrison Flagler
3 Memorial; creating s. 265.004, F.S.; providing
4 legislative intent; establishing the memorial;
5 requiring the Department of Management Services to
6 designate a location for the memorial and consult with
7 the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum regarding the
8 construction, installation, and management of the
9 memorial; providing for the creation of a figurative
10 bronze sculpture to be installed in the memorial;
11 providing an effective date.

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13 WHEREAS, Henry Morrison Flagler, a Gilded Age
14 industrialist, railroad pioneer, and luxury resort developer, is
15 responsible for establishing the state's tourism and agriculture
16 industries as well as the state's transportation infrastructure,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Flagler was the founder of what became known as
19 the Florida East Coast Railway, and

20 WHEREAS, under Flagler's leadership, the Florida East Coast
21 Railway was extended from Jacksonville to Key West, providing
22 for the rise of many Florida communities, and

23 WHEREAS, to accommodate travelers and vacationers, Flagler
24 developed a number of luxury resorts, including the Ponce de
25 Leon Hotel, the Royal Poinciana Hotel, and the Breakers Hotel,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Flagler is known as Florida's greatest benefactor,
28 the father of Miami, and the founder of Palm Beach, and

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29 WHEREAS, few individuals have had a greater or more lasting
30 impact on a state than Flagler has had on Florida, NOW,
31 THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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35 Section 1. Section 265.004, Florida Statutes, is created
36 to read:

37 265.004 Henry Morrison Flagler Memorial.-

38 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and
39 honor Henry Morrison Flagler for his significant contributions
40 to the development of this state.

41 (2) (a) There is established the Henry Morrison Flagler
42 Memorial.

43 (b) The Department of Management Services shall designate
44 an area for the memorial in the courtyard between the Capitol
45 Building and the Historic Capitol and shall consult with the
46 Henry Morrison Flagler Museum regarding the construction,
47 installation, and continuous management of the memorial.

48 (c) The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum shall commission a
49 figurative bronze sculpture in recognition of Flagler's
50 contributions to this state using funds collected from private
51 donations to the museum. The sculpture shall be installed in the
52 area designated for the memorial pursuant to paragraph (b).

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.