

By Senator Detert

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 19, 2014, as "World Circus Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the circus is a beloved and enduring art form and part of our nation's rich cultural heritage, and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, the circus has entertained generations of American families with amazing feats of physical skill, comedy, theater, and music, while exposing us to the cultures and wonders of the world, and

WHEREAS, the circus continues to amaze and inspire children of all ages by bridging generations and cultures in the pursuit of the very best in circus arts and skills, and

WHEREAS, the circus plays an important role in the conservation of endangered species by exposing people to the intelligence, strength, and agility of its amazing animal partners while drawing public attention to the need to protect and preserve these species, and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to many of the best known and longest operating circuses in the nation, including Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, and is home to the nation's longest running youth training program, the Sailor Circus, and

WHEREAS, the Circus Arts Conservatory in Southwest Florida is home to the preservation and presentation of the circus arts in the following areas: performance, training, outreach, and legacy, and

WHEREAS, Florida is also home to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and the Circus Museum in Sarasota, one of the premier circus museums in the world, and

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30 WHEREAS, the World Circus Federation was created in 2008
31 under the patronage of Princess Stephanie of Monaco to honor the
32 legacy of her late father, Prince Rainier, III, a patron of
33 circus arts and culture, and

34 WHEREAS, the North American delegate to the federation is
35 the Outdoor Amusement Business Association, based in Winter
36 Park, which represents many circuses throughout Florida and the
37 United States, and

38 WHEREAS, the federation established World Circus Day as an
39 opportunity for communities around the world to celebrate their
40 rich circus culture and heritage, and

41 WHEREAS, Florida should be recognized and celebrated for
42 its unique role as the circus capital of the world, NOW,
43 THEREFORE,

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

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47 That April 19, 2014, is recognized as "World Circus Day" in
48 Florida and all Floridians are encouraged to celebrate, promote,
49 and preserve the rich circus culture and history of this state.