## By Senator Brandes

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the inaugural year of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame, located at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

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WHEREAS, Florida is a state where innovation, research, and discovery thrive and where great American inventors, such as Thomas Edison, have lived and worked, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame endeavors to encourage individuals of all ages and backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is located at the University of South Florida in order to honor and celebrate the inventors from this state whose achievements have advanced the quality of life of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame will be one of only seven state inventors halls of fame in the nation which will recognize the best and brightest inventors from their respective states, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is led by an advisory board consisting of exceptional individuals from the private and public sectors and academia, and

WHEREAS, the inductees to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame will be chosen by a selection committee composed of equally distinguished members, and

WHEREAS, the inaugural class of inventors inducted to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame will be recognized in September 2014, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is recognized on the occasion of its inaugural year for its commitment to honoring inventors and celebrating innovation, discovery, and excellence in this state and that the University of South Florida is commended for founding this institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame for display as recognition of the Senate's support of innovation in Florida.