

By Senator Abruzzo

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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 area;  
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, Henry Morrison Flagler was the founder of what  
19      became known as the Florida East Coast Railway, and

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

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

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

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30 WHEREAS, few individuals have had a greater or more lasting  
31 impact on a state than Henry Morrison Flagler has had on  
32 Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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34 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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36 Section 1. Section 265.004, Florida Statutes, is created to  
37 read:

38 265.004 Henry Morrison Flagler Memorial.-

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

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

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

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

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