

By Senator Latvala

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing entrepreneur and philanthropist Kate Tiedemann for her inspiring dedication and generosity to the students and faculty of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and numerous charities in this state.

WHEREAS, Kate Tiedemann came to the United States in 1955 as an 18-year-old immigrant from Germany, taking her first step toward achieving the American Dream, and

WHEREAS, Kate Tiedemann, the consummate entrepreneur, founded a worldwide ophthalmic surgical instrument company in 1975 called Katena Products, Inc., marketing 1,400 items in 110 countries to more than 7,000 eye surgeons, outpatient surgery centers, and hospitals, and

WHEREAS, Kate Tiedemann has graciously and generously shared her good fortune with numerous charities, including Morton Plant Mease Health Care and the Homeless Emergency Project in Clearwater, and

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Kate Tiedemann College of Business was named to honor her gift of \$10 million to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, thus creating an endowment for the enrichment of faculty and students and for engagement of the business community in meeting the workforce needs of this state, and

WHEREAS, Kate Tiedemann's gift is the largest in the 50-year history of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and will play a central role in shaping the future of that institution, and

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30 WHEREAS, the Kate Tiedemann College of Business is one of
31 the few institutions worldwide to earn dual accreditation from
32 the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
33 International in both business and accounting, and has an online
34 MBA program ranked 32nd nationally and second in Florida by *U.S.*
35 *News & World Report*, and

36 WHEREAS, Kate Tiedemann's story of overcoming challenges to
37 fulfill her dreams and to support the community is a true
38 inspiration for all, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That we recognize Kate Tiedemann for her inspiring
43 dedication and generosity to the students and faculty of the
44 University of South Florida St. Petersburg and numerous
45 charities in Florida.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
47 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Kate Tiedemann
48 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.