By Senator Ring

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1	Senate Resolution
2	A resolution recognizing October 23, 2015, as
3	"Seminole Tribe of Florida Appreciation Day."
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5	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida is a native group
6	that includes more than 2,000 descendants of the unconquered
7	warriors indigenous to this state, and
8	WHEREAS, the origins of the Seminole Tribe of Florida can
9	be traced back 12,000 years, providing a unique insight into the
10	language, art, and culture that shaped the historical legacy of
11	all Floridians, and
12	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida has an established
13	tradition of heroic action taken to maintain its independence
14	and preserve its culture, and
15	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida has followed the
16	storied American tradition of rising out of poverty into
17	prosperity, and
18	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida promotes cultural
19	attractions, such as the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Indian Museum,
20	the Billie Swamp Safari, the Big Cypress RV Resort and
21	Campground, and the Seminole Okalee Indian Village, which allow
22	tourists to appreciate the Florida Everglades, and
23	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida employs more than
24	2,000 Floridians and purchases more than $24 million annually in
25	goods and services from more than 850 Florida vendors, and
26	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida is economically
27	independent, relying on tourism and bingo profits to pay for
28	infrastructure and schooling on the Seminole reservations, and
29	WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe of Florida has provided South

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30 Florida residents with a high-quality music and performance

31 venue and entertainment facilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 That October 23, 2015, is recognized as "Seminole Tribe of

36 Florida Appreciation Day."

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with

38 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Seminole

39 Tribe of Florida as a tangible token of the sentiments of the

40 Florida Senate.