

By Senator Brandes

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 20, 2015, as "Taxpayer Independence Day" in Florida and celebrating Florida as a taxpayer-friendly state.

WHEREAS, Florida is one of seven states without personal income tax, and

WHEREAS, Florida will recognize April 20, 2015, as Taxpayer Independence Day, the symbolic date that assumes that every dollar earned by Floridians between January 1, 2015, and that date goes to pay federal, state, and local tax obligations, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, it took 110 days for the average Florida household to pay its taxes, with nearly two-thirds of that tax burden being federal, and

WHEREAS, although Florida taxes are very low relative to other states, with 20 states reaching the Taxpayer Independence Day mark later in the year, the combined federal, state, and local tax is a significant expense of Florida households, and

WHEREAS, the federal Taxpayer Independence Day occurs 4 days after Florida's, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 20, 2015, is recognized as "Taxpayer Independence Day" in Florida and that we celebrate Florida as a taxpayer-friendly state.