

By Senator Gibson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution honoring and remembering the crew members
3 of the container ship El Faro and offering heartfelt
4 condolences to their families, friends, and loved
5 ones.

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7 WHEREAS, El Faro, a 790-foot container ship, departed from
8 Jacksonville for Puerto Rico on September 29, 2015, with 33 crew
9 members aboard, and

10 WHEREAS, the crew of El Faro consisted of 28 citizens of
11 the United States, including several from or with families in
12 this state, and 5 Polish nationals, and

13 WHEREAS, the last communication from El Faro occurred on
14 October 1, 2015, and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard determined that El
16 Faro sank with all crew members on board, and

17 WHEREAS, the crew was part of the fabric of the vibrant
18 industry overseen by the Jacksonville Port Authority and
19 contributed to the \$27-billion impact of Florida's 14 deepwater
20 ports, and

21 WHEREAS, the residents of Jacksonville and the people of
22 this state mourn the loss of Louis Marko Champa, Roosevelt
23 Lazarra Clark, Sylvester C. Crawford, Jr., Captain Michael
24 Christopher Davidson, Brookie Larry Davis, Keith William
25 Griffin, Frank J. Hamm, Joe Edward Hargrove, Carey J. Hatch,
26 Michael Lee Holland, Jack Edward Jackson, Jackie Roberts Jones,
27 Jr., Lonnie S. Jordan, Piotr Marek Krause, Mitchell T. Kuflik,
28 Roan Ronald Lightfoot, Jeffrey Allen Mathias, Dylan O. Meklin,
29 Marcin Nita, Jan Podgórski, James Phillip Porter, Richard Joseph

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30 Pusatere, Theodore Earl Quammie, Danielle Laura Randolph,
31 Jeremie Harold Riehm, Lashawn Lamonte Rivera, Howard John
32 Schoenly, Steven Wink Shultz, German Arturo Solar-Cortes,
33 Anthony Shawn Thomas, Andrzej Roman Truszkowski, Mariette
34 Wright, and Rafal Andrzej Zdobych, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That the Florida Senate honors and remembers the crew
39 members who lost their lives aboard El Faro and offers heartfelt
40 condolences to their families, friends, and loved ones.