

By Senator Benacquisto

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Dress for Success for helping women worldwide succeed in the workplace and in life since 1997.

WHEREAS, Dress for Success is a global not-for-profit organization that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and career development tools that help women thrive in the workplace and in life, and

WHEREAS, in 1997, a second-year law student, Nancy Lublin, received a \$5,000 inheritance from her great-grandfather and, seeking a way to make this gift have an enduring effect, founded Dress for Success in the basement of a church in Manhattan, and

WHEREAS, from that original basement boutique, the mission of Dress for Success spread across all of North America and then worldwide, demonstrating that achieving economic independence is a challenge that all women face regardless of their location, language, customs, or culture, and

WHEREAS, since 1997, Dress for Success has expanded to more than 140 cities in 20 countries and has helped more than 850,000 women work toward self-sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, the organization thrives on the dedication of volunteers in the community, and, each year, more than 10,000 women and men around the globe generously donate their time and talents to help women find employment, and

WHEREAS, Dress for Success affiliates receive client referrals from more than 5,000 diverse nonprofit and governmental agencies, which include homeless shelters, immigration services, job training programs, educational institutions, and domestic violence shelters, and

WHEREAS, there are currently six stand-alone Dress for

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33 Success boutiques in this state, which, collectively, have
34 helped more than 24,000 women achieve economic stability since
35 2005, and

36 WHEREAS, Dress for Success and its affiliates are committed
37 to helping all women, regardless of race, ethnicity, or
38 background, make a fresh start and achieve their professional
39 and personal goals, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That Dress for Success is recognized for helping women
44 worldwide succeed in the workplace and in life since 1997.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
46 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dress for
47 Success and each of the six Florida affiliate chapters as a
48 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.