

By Senator Latvala

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and congratulating BayCare
3 Health System, Inc., on its selection as the 2016
4 recipient of the National Association of Workforce
5 Boards' W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award.
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7 WHEREAS, the National Association of Workforce Boards'
8 (NAWB) W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award annually recognizes
9 an outstanding business or organization that makes the
10 commitment of time, money, and leadership to make its
11 community's workforce and economy more vibrant, and

12 WHEREAS, BayCare is a leading not-for-profit health care
13 system that connects individuals and families to a wide range of
14 services at 14 hospitals and other medical facilities, and

15 WHEREAS, one of the largest employers in the Tampa Bay
16 region, with more than 23,000 employees, BayCare has taken a
17 leadership role in working with CareerSource Pinellas to provide
18 specialized health care training in high-wage, high-demand
19 allied health care occupations, and

20 WHEREAS, BayCare has been an essential partner to
21 CareerSource Pinellas in several initiatives, including its
22 contribution of \$4.57 million in matching funds for the H-1B
23 grant awarded to CareerSource Pinellas by the United States
24 Department of Labor, and

25 WHEREAS, since 2011, this investment by BayCare in the
26 health care workforce in the Tampa Bay region has allowed
27 CareerSource Pinellas to train more than 550 persons and has
28 created jobs for 140 new registered nurses at BayCare, and

29 WHEREAS, BayCare has entered into a number of community
30 partnerships with, and provided financial support for,
31 organizations that improve the lives of children and address the
32 health and wellness needs of the community at large by providing

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33 health care to disadvantaged residents, and

34 WHEREAS, BayCare will be recognized by NAWB at The Forum
35 2016, the organization's premier event, which will be held March
36 12-15, 2016, in Washington, D.C., and attended by workforce
37 development professionals and leaders in business, government,
38 labor, and education from across the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That BayCare Health System, Inc., is recognized and
43 congratulated on its selection as the 2016 recipient of the
44 National Association of Workforce Boards' W.O. Lawton Business
45 Leadership Award.