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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Hillsborough Community
3 College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

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5 WHEREAS, on October 4, 1967, Hillsborough Junior College
6 was founded and on September 30, 1968, the college opened its
7 doors to 1,625 students in temporary facilities at Hillsborough
8 High School in Tampa, and

9 WHEREAS, the college's board of trustees voted in 1970 to
10 change the institution's name to Hillsborough Community College
11 to better reflect its philosophy and mission, and

12 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, Hillsborough Community
13 College has grown to become the first choice in higher education
14 for graduates of Hillsborough County public schools and for
15 students from across the state and from around the globe, and is
16 the largest community college feeder to the University of South
17 Florida, and

18 WHEREAS, today, Hillsborough Community College serves more
19 than 45,000 students from more than 130 countries, offering 180
20 academic programs at five unique campuses and three training
21 centers across the county, and

22 WHEREAS, through its many programs, Hillsborough Community
23 College has educated 20,000 health care providers, 5,000
24 educators, and 15,000 public safety workers, and has inspired
25 many of its graduates to become productive and vital members of
26 their communities, and

27 WHEREAS, with more than 84 percent of its graduates
28 remaining in Hillsborough County, Hillsborough Community College
29 is a vibrant economic engine, generating an annual economic

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30 impact of more than \$1.3 billion for the area, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That Hillsborough Community College is congratulated on the

35 occasion of its 50th anniversary.