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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the friendship between  
3 Florida and Puerto Rico.

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5 WHEREAS, the people of Puerto Rico and Florida have common  
6 historical and political ties, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida was founded and discovered by Puerto Rican  
8 Governor Juan Ponce de León, and

9 WHEREAS, the Spanish Province of Florida was linked by  
10 Spanish rule to the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico at the time  
11 of its cession to the United States in 1819, and

12 WHEREAS, the governments of Puerto Rico and Florida have a  
13 strong friendship, as demonstrated in 2017 when Florida helped  
14 Puerto Rico rebuild after Hurricane Maria and again in 2018 when  
15 Puerto Rico reciprocated by sending aid to Florida after  
16 Hurricane Michael, and

17 WHEREAS, these common ties and strong friendship bind and  
18 unite the State of Florida and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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23 That the Florida Senate recognizes that there is a  
24 relationship of friendship and brotherhood between our state and  
25 the Commonwealth and people of Puerto Rico, expresses its  
26 gratitude for their assistance after Hurricane Michael, and  
27 expresses its wish that the friendship continue to prosper.