

By Senator Thurston

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the people of the City of Lauderdale Lakes for having elected the first-ever city governing body of its size which is comprised solely of women of color and recognizing the City of Lauderdale Lakes for its progressive goals of minority representation by both women and people of color.

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderdale Lakes was incorporated on June 22, 1961, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderdale Lakes originally was a popular retirement area for northeasterners, many of them New Yorkers and those of the Jewish faith, but as the 20th century drew to a close, the population grew more diverse to include many residents with Caribbean and African-American heritage, and

WHEREAS, the current population of the City of Lauderdale Lakes is approximately 35,000, residing in approximately 15,000 households, and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the electorate of the City of Lauderdale Lakes voted to establish a governing body of five elected officials, including a mayor elected at large, and

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the City of Lauderdale Lakes held municipal elections and five women of color were voted into office, making it the only city in this state with a city commission composed entirely of women, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderdale Lakes City Commission is composed of Mayor Hazelle Rogers, Vice Mayor Beverly Williams, and City Commissioners Sandra Davey, Gloria Lewis, and Veronica Edwards Phillips, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33       That the people of the City of Lauderdale Lakes are  
34 recognized for having elected the first-ever city governing body  
35 of its size which is comprised solely of women of color, and the  
36 City of Lauderdale Lakes is recognized for its progressive goals  
37 of minority representation by both women and people of color.