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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the friendship between Florida and Puerto Rico.

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the Florida Senate recognizes that there is a relationship of friendship and brotherhood between our state and the Commonwealth and people of Puerto Rico, expresses its gratitude for their assistance in recovery efforts after natural disasters have occurred, and expresses its wish that the friendship continue to prosper.