

By Senator Cruz

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the Tampa Bay Lightning for the team's victory in the National Hockey League's 2020 Stanley Cup Final.

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, the Tampa Bay Lightning won the National Hockey League's 2020 Stanley Cup Final, which, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, took place in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and

WHEREAS, the Lightning defeated the Western Conference Champion Dallas Stars in the Cup Final, clinching the series 4 wins to 2, and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay defenseman Victor Hedman was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the playoffs after scoring 10 goals, including 3 game-winners, and finishing with 22 points in 25 games, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Stanley Cup is the second NHL Championship won by the Lightning in the organization's history since its inception in 1992, with the first coming in 2004, and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay won the 2020 Prince of Wales Trophy as the NHL's Eastern Conference Champion, for the third time in franchise history, by defeating the New York Islanders to advance to the Lightning's third appearance in the Stanley Cup Final, and

WHEREAS, the Lightning showed resilience and sacrifice during the COVID-19 pandemic by competing in the delayed playoff tournament in secure zones, away from family and sequestered from outsiders for 2 months, and

WHEREAS, millions of "Bolts" fans in the Tampa Bay Area and

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30 across the world watched from safe, socially distanced viewing
31 parties as the Lightning players lifted the Stanley Cup on
32 television, and

33 WHEREAS, the Lightning organization is also known for its
34 work off the ice in the community, providing vital financial,
35 logistical, and programming support that touches millions across
36 this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the Tampa Bay Lightning are commended for the team's
41 victory in the National Hockey League's 2020 Stanley Cup Final.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
43 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Tampa Bay
44 Lightning organization as a tangible token of the sentiments of
45 the Florida Senate.