

By Senator Bean

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the outstanding character,
3 professionalism, and kindness of Senate Secretary
4 Debbie Brown on the occasion of her retirement.

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6 WHEREAS, at its organization session every two years, the
7 Senate elects a Secretary of the Senate as prescribed by the
8 State Constitution, and

9 WHEREAS, this nonmember constitutional officer serves as
10 the Senate Parliamentarian, charged with maintaining all Senate
11 records, ensuring the continuity of Senate operations between
12 legislative terms, authenticating each act and resolution passed
13 by the Senate, and publishing the journal and the calendar, and

14 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Senate oversees the
15 operations of bill drafting, bill and amendment filing, and the
16 electronic voting system and information systems, and

17 WHEREAS, in addition, the Secretary of the Senate is the
18 "face" of the Senate when the Legislature is not in session,
19 speaking to visiting civic and student groups and hosting mock
20 sessions for YMCA Youth in Government and the American Legion's
21 Girls State and Boys State programs, among others, and

22 WHEREAS, since August 4, 2011, these responsibilities have
23 rested on the shoulders of the tireless Debbie Brown, whose calm
24 demeanor and decisive counsel have guided the last six
25 Presidents of the Florida Senate, and

26 WHEREAS, in June 1993, after nearly 20 years in the private
27 sector, this honor graduate of Liberty High School in Bristol
28 and Tallahassee Community College, who holds an Associate of
29 Science degree in business administration and management,

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30 dedicated her professional talents to the Florida Senate, first
31 serving as a staff assistant, an editor, and an executive
32 assistant, and

33 WHEREAS, in November 2010, Debbie Brown was named Director
34 of Senate Administration and in the following year began her
35 service as Secretary, and

36 WHEREAS, Debbie Brown is a gracious leader and mentor, and
37 those who know her best describe her as "dedicated," "an
38 extraordinary manager," and "passionate and compassionate," and

39 WHEREAS, while Debbie Brown has consistently demonstrated
40 her commitment to the work of the Florida Senate and the people
41 of this state, her top priority has been and will always be her
42 family: her husband Larry Brown; her son Michael Richter and his
43 wife Heather; her daughter Monica Guy; her four grandchildren,
44 Madelynn, Brayden, Sophie, and Hudson; and her mother, Hazel
45 Eddleman, and

46 WHEREAS, as was said on the day of her nomination as
47 Secretary of the Senate, Debbie Brown has been dedicated not
48 just to a job, but to a cause - making this state a better
49 place, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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53 That the Florida Senate recognizes the outstanding
54 character, professionalism, and kindness of Senate Secretary
55 Debbie Brown on the occasion of her retirement.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
57 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Secretary of the
58 Senate Debbie Brown as a tangible token of the sentiments of the

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59 Florida Senate.