

By Senator Davis

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of Senator Betty S. Holzendorf, her devoted service to the Legislature, and her life of dedication to the people of the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Betty S. Holzendorf of Jacksonville, a former public school teacher and administrator, was elected to the House of Representatives and served House District 16 from 1988 to 1992, and

WHEREAS, from 1992 until 2002, Senator Holzendorf represented Senate District 2, which encompassed parts of Alachua, Clay, Duval, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties, and she served as the Democratic Leader Pro Tempore from 1996 to 2000, and

WHEREAS, Senator Holzendorf's committee assignments in the Senate included Banking and Insurance, Budget, Commerce and Economic Opportunities, Regulated Industries, Rules and Calendar, and the Select Committee on Workforce Innovation, and

WHEREAS, Senator Holzendorf was chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and vice chair of Juvenile Justice Reform, and she served as chair of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators from 1994 to 1995, and

WHEREAS, Senator Holzendorf introduced and worked tirelessly for passage of legislation on insurance, employee access to health care, school readiness programs for children, deceptive trade practices in business, and the state's Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, as well as the legislation establishing the colleges of law at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical

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30 University and Florida International University and creating the
31 Florida Black Business Investment Board, and

32 WHEREAS, among her many honors were the Florida School
33 Boards Association Legislator of the Year in 1998, the
34 Department of Elder Affairs' Outstanding Leadership Award in
35 1998, and the James Weldon Johnson Living Legend Award in 1996,
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37 WHEREAS, Betty S. Holzendorf was born April 5, 1939, and
38 grew up in Jacksonville, earning her bachelor's degree at Edward
39 Waters College, a Master of Arts degree at Clark Atlanta
40 University, and her master's in educational administration at
41 the University of North Florida, and

42 WHEREAS, Betty S. Holzendorf became an affirmative action
43 officer for the City of Jacksonville, and she also served as
44 Mayor Jake Godbold's City Council liaison before her election to
45 the House of Representatives in 1988, and

46 WHEREAS, Senator Holzendorf, who was married to former
47 Jacksonville City Council member King Holzendorf, died February
48 29, 2024, at the age of 84, and is survived by her husband,
49 their four children, and four grandchildren, and

50 WHEREAS, Senator Betty S. Holzendorf will always be
51 remembered for her passionate work to improve the quality of
52 life for her fellow Floridians, being an ally they could depend
53 on, and serving with honor, integrity, and commitment during all
54 her years in the Legislature, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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58 That the Senate honors the memory of Senator Betty S.

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59 Holzendorf, her devoted service to the Legislature, and her life
60 of dedication to the people of the State of Florida.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
62 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to her husband,
63 King Holzendorf, and children Kim V. Lockley, King L.
64 Holzendorf, III, Kevin J. Holzendorf, and Kessler L. Holzendorf,
65 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.