

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1954, Roland Manteiga began writing his weekly political gossip column, “As We Heard It,” which became a must-read for inside information in government and politics and served as a voice for Tampa’s Hispanic community for more than 40 years, and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Ybor City hit a low point due to the destruction of the community by urban renewal and the construction of the interstates in Tampa, leaving the Latin Quarter a shadow of itself, although *La Gaceta* remained, documenting the area’s history and demise and fighting for its future, and

WHEREAS, with Roland Manteiga at the helm, *La Gaceta* was instrumental in bringing Hillsborough Community College, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, and the Environmental Protection Commission to Ybor City, all of which help keep it alive, and

WHEREAS, Roland Manteiga became an influencer for those seeking to be elected to office, with many national, state, and local leaders paying him visits, and with son Patrick Manteiga by his side starting in 1983, he used this and *La Gaceta*’s influence to promote Ybor City’s renaissance and to help save historic buildings that housed the mutual aid societies, Circulo Cubano, Centro Asturiano, and L’Unione Italiana, and

WHEREAS, after Roland Manteiga’s passing on September 25, 1998, his son, Patrick Manteiga, took over as publisher and today continues the tradition of his father’s “As We Heard It” column and of the newspaper as a voice of the Latino community while keeping an eye on the powers that be, and

WHEREAS, now for more than a century, *La Gaceta*, one of the oldest minority-owned and -focused newspapers, and the only trilingual newspaper, in the United States, continues to serve Citrus, Hillsborough, Hernando, Manatee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota Counties, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate honors *La Gaceta* newspaper for 100 years of continued service to Florida’s Latino community.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Wilton Simpson  
President, The Florida Senate

March 11, 2022

Dear President Simpson:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

### *Office and Appointment*

Secretary of Environmental Protection  
Appointee: Hamilton, Emile DeShawn

*For Term  
Ending*

Pleasure of  
Governor

As required by Rule 12.7, the committees caused to be conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointee for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held public hearings at which members of the public were invited to attend and offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointee. After due consideration of the findings of such inquiry and the evidence adduced at the public hearings, the Committee on Ethics and Elections and other referenced committee respectfully advise and recommend that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

(1) the executive appointment of the above-named appointee, to the office and for the term indicated, be confirmed by the Senate;

(2) Senate action on said appointment be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session; and

(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointment to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dennis Baxley, Chair*

On motion by Senator Baxley, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	Cruz	Pizzo
Albritton	Diaz	Polsky
Ausley	Gainer	Powell
Baxley	Garcia	Rodrigues
Bean	Gibson	Rodriguez
Berman	Gruters	Rouson
Book	Harrell	Stargel
Boyd	Hooper	Stewart
Bradley	Jones	Taddeo
Brandes	Mayfield	Torres
Brodeur	Passidomo	Wright
Burgess	Perry	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Nay—Farmer

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

### FIRST READING

On motion by Senator Passidomo—

By Senator Passidomo—

**SCR 2002**—A concurrent resolution extending the 2022 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature under the authority of Section 3(d), Article III of the State Constitution.

WHEREAS, the 60 days of the 2022 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature will expire on Friday, March 11, 2022, and the necessary tasks of the session have not been completed, NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:*

That, the 2022 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature is extended until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022, under the authority of Section 3(d), Article III of the State Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the regular session so extended, the Legislature shall consider only the following matters:

(1) House Bill 5001 or any Senate and House Conference Committee Report thereon.

(2) House Bill 5003 or any Senate and House Conference Committee Report thereon.

(3) House Bill 5005 or any Senate and House Conference Committee Report thereon.

(4) House Bill 5007 or any Senate and House Conference Committee Report thereon.

(5) House Bill 5009 or any Senate and House Conference Committee Report thereon.