

By Senator Wise

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Senate Resolution

A resolution celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Florida Society of Association Executives (FSAE) and the 25th Anniversary of the Florida Society of Association Executives Foundation on July 10, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Association Executives (FSAE) held its first annual meeting on November 16, 1959, and the FSAE Foundation's Articles of Incorporation were approved on December 7, 1984, and

WHEREAS, FSAE is the gateway to associations in Florida, with more than 800 executive and associate members, including those who manage trade and professional associations, individual membership societies, charitable organizations, and other not-for-profit organizations, and

WHEREAS, FSAE and its foundation provide education, training, research, and certification for its members to further their professional development and to advance association management, and

WHEREAS, FSAE brings together groups of people who find strength in numbers in sharing common interests of industries, professions, charities, hobbies, or philanthropic action, and

WHEREAS, FSAE was founded upon the principles of democracy, volunteerism, and common interest that are the heart of the American experience and exists for the mutual protection and advancement of its members, and

WHEREAS, FSAE serves associations representing an enormous collective presence, with members' work woven throughout the fabric of society and a public that has come to depend on the

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30 social and economic benefits that their association members  
31 afford, and

32 WHEREAS, were it not for the associations that FSAE  
33 represents, government at all levels and the other institutions  
34 on which the public relies would face added burdens in the vital  
35 activities they perform, with associations providing assistance  
36 in setting and enforcing product and safety standards,  
37 stimulating and organizing volunteerism, conducting industry  
38 research, disseminating valuable information, conducting  
39 continuing education and ethics training, funding political  
40 campaigns, and organizing and providing community service, and

41 WHEREAS, the estimate of the direct economic value of FSAE  
42 members to the State of Florida is over \$1.7 billion each year,  
43 including payroll, rent and mortgage expenses, transportation,  
44 printing, office supplies, postage, lodging and facility  
45 accommodations, and educational programs, and

46 WHEREAS, the association community in Florida provides  
47 nearly 60,000 white-collar jobs, accommodates more than 3  
48 million meeting attendees, and spends \$122 million at hotels,  
49 and

50 WHEREAS, associations sponsor more than 25,000 events in  
51 Florida annually, such as trade shows, committee and board  
52 meetings, and conventions and education programs, and

53 WHEREAS, associations pay nearly \$52 million in taxes each  
54 year, and

55 WHEREAS, association staff and members donate more than 10  
56 million hours of service to their associations and communities  
57 each year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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59 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:  
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61 That the Senate celebrates the 50th anniversary of the  
62 Florida Society of Association Executives and the 25th  
63 anniversary of the Florida Society of Association Executives  
64 Foundation on July 10, 2009.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
66 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Florida  
67 Society of Association Executives and the Florida Society of  
68 Association Executives Foundation as a tangible token of the  
69 sentiments of the Florida Senate.