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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida Virtual School for 20 years of successful operation and recognizing April 5, 2017, as "Florida Virtual School Day."

WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School was created by the Florida Legislature in 1997 to bring innovation to education and to further enhance the education of students by providing unique opportunities in online learning, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School has grown from 77 enrollments in its first year and has now served a total of 3.1 million successful semester enrollments in all 67 counties, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School is recognized as a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 150 online courses to students in kindergarten through grade 12, and

WHEREAS, students at the Florida Virtual School are taught by certified teachers who engage their students in interactive content, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School is identified as both a public school and a school of choice that helps to meet the needs of different families and lifestyles, serving students through both FLVS Flex and FLVS Full Time, offering students and their families maximum flexibility, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School provides teacherdriven, student-centered solutions to help blend digital learning into classrooms, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School is known as a leader in online education and serves students, schools, and districts

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20171816\_\_\_ 9-02708A-17 30 both in Florida and around the world, and 31 WHEREAS, the Florida Virtual School is world-renowned for 32 its development of award-winning curricula and delivery of 33 content on a variety of subjects, NOW, THEREFORE, 34 35 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 36 37 That the Florida Virtual School is commended for 20 years 38 of successful operation in this state, and April 5, 2017, is

recognized as "Florida Virtual School Day."