

WHEREAS, Team USA's 80 athletes competed throughout the 9 days of Paralympic competition in all five sports: alpine skiing, which includes snowboarding; the biathlon; cross-country skiing; sled hockey; and wheelchair curling, and

WHEREAS, even though the Sunshine State is short on snow and ice, two Floridians, Declan Farmer and Gregory "Greg" Shaw, were among those selected to represent the United States in the 2014 Winter Paralympic Games on the Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, and

WHEREAS, the Paralympic motto is "Spirit in Motion," which captures the inspirational character of the Paralympic movement as well as the elite performance of Paralympic athletes, and

WHEREAS, Declan Farmer was born in Tampa, in Hillsborough County, with proximal femoral focal deficiency, a birth defect that affected his hips and bones in his lower legs resulting in bilateral amputation, and

WHEREAS, Declan Farmer has always had a love of competitive sports, and nothing could slow him down and he began playing sled hockey in 2006 at a clinic in Clearwater, in Pinellas County, and

WHEREAS, Declan Farmer attends Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, in Hillsborough County, and

WHEREAS, Declan Farmer has competed on several squads since his introduction to the sport: the Tampa Bay Lightning Sled Hockey Team, from 2007 to 2013; the Spacecoast Hurricanes Youth Sled Team, in 2011; and the Florida Bandits Sled Hockey Team, in 2012, and

WHEREAS, Declan Farmer made his international debut when he was 15 years old at the 2012 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he scored one goal and made four assists, and

WHEREAS, Declan Farmer made his Paralympic debut in 2014 as the second-youngest member of the United States Paralympic Sled Hockey Team and proved invaluable to Team USA, ranking second on the team in points and goals and tying for first in assists during the 2012-2013 season, and

WHEREAS, Greg Shaw was born in Merritt Island, in Brevard County, with sacral agenesis, a congenital condition that causes spinal deformity, but this condition has not prevented him from competing at the highest level of athletics as part of the United States Paralympic Sled Hockey Team, and

WHEREAS, Greg Shaw is a four-time International Paralympic Committee Ice Sled Hockey World Championship medalist, winning two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze, and

WHEREAS, Greg Shaw first played for the United States Paralympic Sled Hockey Team during the 2006-2007 season and was part of the gold medal-winning squad at the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Winter Games, scoring two goals and an assist in five games, and

WHEREAS, Greg Shaw plans to enroll at the University of Central Florida to study computer science, and

WHEREAS, Greg Shaw also remains a part of the National Ability Center family, which he credits for giving him the support needed to accomplish his goals, and

WHEREAS, the 2014 United States Paralympic Sled Hockey Team became the first team in Paralympic history to win back-to-back gold medals, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Florida stand united in respect and admiration for our Paralympians and for their athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, and dedication during the 2014 Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Senate congratulates the members of the United States Paralympic Team and expresses special gratitude for the dedication of Florida's participating athletes, Declan Farmer and Greg Shaw, and to everyone who supported their efforts.

—was introduced out of order and read by title. On motion by Senator Hukill, **SR 1744** was read the second time by title and adopted.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Senator Hukill presented a video honoring Florida athletes who competed in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

#### SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Hukill recognized Olympian Brittany Bowe who was present in the chamber. Senator Hukill also recognized Brittany Bowe's mother, Debbie Bowe, and the Mayor of Ocala, Kent Guinn, who were present in the gallery.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Don Gaetz  
President, The Florida Senate  
April 11, 2014

Dear President Gaetz:

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

	<i>For Term Ending</i>
<i>Office and Appointment</i>	
Board of Athletic Training Appointee: Christie, Kevin M., II	10/31/2017
Florida Commission on Community Service Appointees: Bonarrigo, Christina Gonzalez, Marcia C. McLeod, Michael J. Miller, Patricia Penny	09/14/2016 09/14/2016 09/14/2016 09/14/2016
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando Community College Appointees: Dougherty, John A. Porton, Morris R.	05/31/2015 05/31/2017
Board of Trustees of Polk State College Appointee: Turner, Mark G.	05/31/2017
Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College Appointee: Lagasse, Glenda Marlene	05/31/2015
Board of Dentistry Appointee: Sissine, Angela M.	10/31/2017
Board of Employee Leasing Companies Appointee: Stamatyades, Philip	10/31/2016
Board of Trustees of South Lake County Hospital District Appointee: Nussbaumer, James L.	07/05/2017
Florida Commission on Human Relations Appointees: Jenkins, Tony Steele, Rebecca E.	09/30/2014 09/30/2015
Board of Osteopathic Medicine Appointee: Janson, Alicja	10/31/2015
Board of Pharmacy Appointee: Meshad, Gavin W.	10/31/2017
Board of Podiatric Medicine Appointee: Morris, Robert Parker	10/31/2017
Board of Psychology Appointee: O'Brien, Mary Denise	10/31/2014
Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board Appointee: Roy, Michael C.	10/31/2014
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Region 10 Appointee: Houston, C. Michael	10/01/2015

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
South Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 11 Appointee: Bailey, Mario J.	10/01/2016
Jacksonville Port Authority Appointees: Fleming, Edward J., Jr. York, Joseph S.	09/30/2015 09/30/2017
Board of Veterinary Medicine Appointee: Spencer, Terry G.	10/31/2015

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism and the Senate Committee on Community Affairs and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Executive Director, Department of Economic Opportunity Appointee: Panuccio, Jesse	Pleasure of Governor

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Capital Collateral Regional Counsel - Northern Region Appointee: Friedman, Robert	01/17/2017
Capital Collateral Regional Counsel - Middle Region Appointee: Viggiano, James Vincent, Jr.	09/30/2015
Board of Directors, Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. Appointees: Adamiak, Robert A. Bush, Shawn D. Garey, Alan L. Holder, Carlyle I. Lukis, Vicki L. Muhammad, Tadar Nicklaus, Harry Gregg	09/30/2016 09/30/2016 09/30/2015 09/30/2017 09/30/2014 09/30/2016 09/30/2014

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida Appointee: Martins, Alexander	01/06/2016
Board of Trustees, New College of Florida Appointee: Saputo, John W.	01/06/2018
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University Appointees: Gidel, Robert H. Hallion, Richard P., Jr.	06/30/2017 07/15/2014

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Environmental Regulation Commission Appointee: Dooley, Anna M.	07/01/2015

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District Appointees: Burnett, Douglas Ghyabi, Maryam Roberts, Frederick N., Jr.	03/01/2017 03/01/2017 03/01/2015

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 appointees for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held a public hearing at which members of the public were invited to attend and offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointees. 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 committees respectfully advise and recommend that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- (1) the executive appointments of the above-named appointees, to the office and for the term indicated, be confirmed by the Senate;
- (2) Senate action on said appointments be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2014 Regular Session; and
- (3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointments to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jack Latvala, Chair*

On motion by Senator Latvala, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointments identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the offices and for the terms indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:  
Yeas—37

Mr. President	Flores	Richter
Abruzzo	Galvano	Ring
Altman	Garcia	Sachs
Bean	Gibson	Simmons
Bradley	Grimsley	Simpson
Brandes	Hays	Smith
Braynon	Hukill	Sobel
Bullard	Joyner	Soto
Clemens	Latvala	Stargel
Dean	Legg	Thompson
Detert	Margolis	Thrasher
Diaz de la Portilla	Montford	
Evers	Negron	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Benacquisto

**VOTE PREFERENCE**

Senator Joyner was recorded as voting “nay” on the appointment of Jesse Panuccio as Executive Director of the Department of Economic Opportunity.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

On motion by Senator Garcia—

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**SR 1502**—A resolution designating the week of April 7-13, 2014, as “Health Information Technology Week” in Florida.