By Senator Gutman

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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_ 2

A resolution recognizing and commending Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., on its success as an international leader in dermatology and healthcare products.

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WHEREAS, Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., an international corporation specializing in skin care products, had its beginning in 1847 in Germany as a maker of soaps and candles, and made its transition into dermatology in response to the therapeutic use of soaps as a delivery system for many medications during the mid-nineteenth century, and

WHEREAS, Stiefel focused on producing medicated soaps focusing on the skin's health, and

WHEREAS, August C. Stiefel and his sons opened their first manufacturing facility in this country in 1945, in Oak Hill, New York, and

WHEREAS, dedicated research and development efforts and a close cooperation with the medical community created new opportunities for Stiefel to address the market and its therapeutic needs through the introduction of new products, and

WHEREAS, during the last five decades, Stiefel Laboratories has grown into a significant global manufacturing and distribution organization with subsidiaries in over 30 countries that serve more than 100 countries, and

WHEREAS, Stiefel Laboratories is recognized for its "leading edge" technology for the treatment of skin conditions, and

WHEREAS, Stiefel is the largest dermatology specialty 31 company in the world and boasts six primary manufacturing

sites on four continents, providing products for the world market, and

WHEREAS, Stiefel Laboratories has grown to a force that employs more than 1,500 people, but maintains a family-oriented corporate culture, and

WHEREAS, Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., maintains a home office in Coral Cables, Florida, and creates jobs and opportunities for people throughout Florida, and

WHEREAS, Stiefel is a unique international corporation that is family-directed and employee-friendly and that has roots going back more than 150 years, yet is positioned for success in the twenty-first century, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., is recognized and commended for its outstanding accomplishments and its proud 150-year history in the field of dermatology and healthcare products in this state and throughout the United States and around the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., as a tangible token of the esteem of the Florida Senate.