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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing July 1-7, 2000, as
Merit Shop Construction Week in Florida.

WHEREAS, the construction industry employs more than
348,000 workers and is the fourth largest industry in this
state, and

WHEREAS, total employment in the construction industry
is more than double the cumulative employment in agriculture,
forestry, and fishing, and

WHEREAS, merit shop construction has a record of higher
workplace safety and lower fatality rates than union shops and
the industry average, and

WHEREAS, the construction industry creates \$1.12 of
additional economic activity for each dollar spent on
construction, and

WHEREAS, building permits provide \$14 billion in tax
revenue in this state, and

WHEREAS, 5.42 percent of the total state sales tax in
this state is contributed by the building and construction
industry, and

WHEREAS, 98 percent of all construction in this state
is done by merit shop craftsmen, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That July 1-7, 2000, is recognized as Merit Shop
Construction Week in Florida.