By Senator Saunders

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. ____ A concurrent resolution urging the Governor to create an honorary office for the recognition of persons who have performed noteworthy service to a community, the state, or the nation.

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WHEREAS, it is the sentiment of the Legislature that it is appropriate for the Governor to recognize persons, Floridians and non-Floridians alike, for meritorious service to a community, to this state, or to the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes that, through the continued civic involvement of honorees, a resource will be created which will tangibly benefit the people of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Leadership Florida Statewide Community Foundation, Inc., has enhanced communication among state leaders and has worked to build broad consensus on the value of statewide perspective in a nonpartisan manner, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the criteria for recognition are properly subject to the determination of the Governor of this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:

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That upon nomination of persons by the Leadership Florida Statewide Community Foundation, Inc., the Governor is urged to appoint and recognize those persons who have 31 performed meritorious service to their community, the state,

or the nation by commissioning such individuals as members of the Honorable Order of Florida Admirals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Order of Florida Admirals should be administered by the foundation, which shall maintain the Order's register, and the foundation should seek to enhance the Order by providing publicity, seeking voluntary dues or contributions to build statewide community and otherwise provide for programs and activities to bring honor and benefit to the Order and the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the foundation does not provide for the administration of the Order, the Governor is urged to designate an alternative organization to provide for the administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition of members of the Order should include the granting of an honorary commission under the State Seal by the Governor as the Honorary Commander-In-Chief of the Order.

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