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

2 A resolution encouraging county governments to  
3 adopt youth advisory committees modeled after  
4 the Youth Advisory Committee of Pinellas  
5 County.

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7 WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee,  
8 having been founded by board resolution in February 2001,  
9 successfully serves as an advisory board to the Pinellas  
10 County Board of County Commissioners, and

11 WHEREAS, the group is composed of 35 students from high  
12 schools throughout the Pinellas County area, appointed by the  
13 Board of County Commissioners and various other youth-related  
14 agencies, who represent teens throughout the county and serve  
15 as an example for the entire State of Florida, and

16 WHEREAS, the group has brought before the county  
17 commission ideas concerning recreation opportunities for  
18 youth, a teen crisis hotline, voting education for high-school  
19 students, and other issues pertinent with their peers within  
20 Pinellas County and the youth of Florida, and

21 WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County  
22 Commissioners has come to rely on the group for their  
23 observations and recommendations concerning matters affecting  
24 teens throughout the county, and

25 WHEREAS, a member of the Youth Advisory Committee has  
26 been appointed by the Pinellas County Commission to serve as a  
27 voting member of the county's park board, and

28 WHEREAS, working with Florida Senator Jim Sebesta, the  
29 group has successfully introduced legislation in the Florida  
30 Senate calling for specific teen-voter-education parameters to  
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1 be included in the public school system's academic curricula,  
2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6           That the Florida Senate encourages all county  
7 governments within the State of Florida to adopt a youth  
8 advisory committee to provide input to their elected  
9 officials, using the Youth Advisory Committee of Pinellas  
10 County as the model to follow.

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