By Senator Miller

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Senate Resolution No.

A resolution commending the Tampa Bay
Buccaneers of the National Football League for
their victory in the 2003 Super Bowl and for
their many contributions to the economic and
cultural vitality of the Tampa Bay area and the
State of Florida.

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa and the State of Florida have many people to thank for the benefits that have come to us through the efforts and successes of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and

WHEREAS, among these people are Malcolm Glazer, who purchased the franchise for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1995; Tony Dungy, who coached and developed the team from 1996 to the end of the 2001-2002 season; and Jon Gruden, who took over as head coach for the 2002-2003 season and led the team to a 12-4 win-loss record for that season and to its stunning performances in the playoffs and division championships, culminating in the Buccaneer's overwhelming defeat of the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII, and

WHEREAS, these two fine coaches and the magnificent athletes who make up the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Football Team have always been guided and supported in their developing excellence by the management team of Malcolm Glazer, his sons Joel, Bryan, and Edward, and General Manager Rich McKay, and

WHEREAS, the team's contributions to the vitality of the Tampa Bay area and the State of Florida include the many benefits of national visibility, increased jobs and expanded economic activity, wholesome family entertainment, and a unifying pride for Tampa Bay and Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Florida Senate recognizes, commends, and honors the players, the coaches, and the managers and owners of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for their great victory in Super Bowl 2003 and for all the other benefits they have brought us. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Malcolm Glazer and his entire team as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.