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7-1852-03 1 Senate Resolution No. ____ 2 A resolution encouraging fathers and caring men who substitute for fathers to be meaningfully 3 4 involved in their children's lives, and recognizing September 2003 as "Take Your Dad to 5 School Month" in the State of Florida. 6 7 WHEREAS, in 1998, the United States Department of 8 9 Education published a report entitled "Fathers' Involvement in 10 Their Children's Schools, " showing that children whose fathers participate in their school's activities are more likely to 11 achieve high grades, enjoy school, and participate in 12 extracurricular activities, and less likely to repeat a grade 13 or be suspended or expelled from school, and 14 WHEREAS, a 1999 survey commissioned by the National 15 Center for Fathering found that 40.2 percent of fathers never 16 read to their children, only 40.9 percent of fathers 25 to 44 17 years of age know any of their children's teachers, 32.4 18 19 percent of fathers had never attended their children's school events, 77 percent of fathers had never shared school lunch 20 21 with their children, and 58 percent of fathers had never 22 volunteered at their children's school, and WHEREAS, fathers are increasingly being encouraged by 23 all responsible segments of society to be meaningfully 24 25 involved in every aspect of their children's lives because children who are benefited by a wholesome and active 26 27 relationship with their fathers are more likely to be 28 well-adjusted in adolescence and adulthood, and 29 WHEREAS, men who are grandparents, uncles, family 30 friends, or Big Brothers in the community are increasingly 31 involved in the lives of children whose biological fathers are 1 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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absent, recognizing that children who are without fathers benefit from having a wholesome and active relationship with a caring man who substitutes as a nurturing father, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Florida Senate encourages fathers and caring men who substitute for fathers to be meaningfully involved in every aspect of their children's lives and recognizes September 2003 as "Take Your Dad to School Month" in the State of Florida.

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