

By Senator Webster

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

2           A resolution recognizing the many contributions

3           made by The Walt Disney Company to the economic

4           and cultural health of the State of Florida.

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6           WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company has created a world

7           class resort in Florida known as Walt Disney World Resort,

8           which has four theme parks, two water parks, more than twenty

9           hotels, four vacation club properties, five championship golf

10          courses, the Wide World of Sports Complex, and Downtown

11          Disney, and

12          WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company employs 51,000

13          Floridians, making Orlando's Walt Disney World Resort one of

14          the largest single-site employers in the United States, and

15          WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company continued to make

16          capital investments in Walt Disney World Resort, even after a

17          decline in the tourism economy following the terrorists

18          attacks inflicted against this country, and

19          WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company has helped to

20          transform Port Canaveral into the second largest cruise port

21          in the world, and

22          WHEREAS, on an annual basis The Walt Disney Company

23          pays over \$400 million in state and local taxes in Florida,

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25          WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company has contributed cash

26          and in-kind support worth more than \$87 million in support of

27          community services to the central Florida community over the

28          past 5 years, and

29          WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company has been an enormous

30          asset to the State of Florida, not just in economic terms, but

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1 in cultural terms, providing wholesome family vacations to  
2 Floridians as well as tourists from throughout the world, and

3 WHEREAS, The Walt Disney Company has been an  
4 unparalleled friend and corporate partner to the State of  
5 Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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9 That The Walt Disney Company is commended for its  
10 outstanding leadership and lasting commitment to the State of  
11 Florida, and all Floridians look forward to the future  
12 continuation of this long and prosperous partnership.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
14 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Michael  
15 Eisner, Chief Executive Officer of The Walt Disney Company, as  
16 a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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