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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing members of the Department of Corrections on winning recent national and regional honors.

WHEREAS, two teams of Department of Corrections' officers won recent national and regional acclaim, and

WHEREAS, the National Corrections & Law Enforcement Training & Technology Center Skills Competition was held in Moundsville, West Virginia, May 10 to 11, 2007, and

WHEREAS, first place overall in the skills competition was awarded to the Gulf Correctional Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team, including Lieutenant Michael Mashburn, Sergeant Trampus Gray, Sergeant David Swain, Sergeant Kevin Romer, Officer Kenneth Stephens, Officer Jeremy Cross, Officer Michael Pabis, and Officer Joseph Mastro, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Michael Mashburn also took fourth place individual honors in the Super S.W.A.T. Competition, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Correctional Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team was the least penalized team in all events, employing the motto, "We will not lower our standards to raise yours," and

WHEREAS, canine teams from five states competed for top honors during the 2007 Southern States Manhunt Field Trials, which were hosted by the Arkansas Department of Corrections and took place March 12 to 16, 2007, at Camp Robinson National Guard Post in North Little Rock, and

WHEREAS, there were 31 canine teams from Florida, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri which competed for top honors at this competition, and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Burley Townson and Correctional
2 Officer Jamie Sanders, along with their beagles from Century
3 Correctional Institution, won first place in the Multiple
4 Leash Competition, and

5 WHEREAS, the two teams demonstrated award-winning
6 skills and commitment to their respective missions of seeking
7 positive resolution of crisis events, participating in
8 narcotics searches and contraband interdictions, and assisting
9 local law enforcement agencies, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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13 That the Senate salutes the Gulf Correctional
14 Institution's Corrections Emergency Response Team for their
15 team and individual awards in various skills competitions, and
16 the canine unit from Century Correctional Institution for
17 their award in the Multiple Leash Competition.