

By Senator Storms

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program for its commitment and many years of service representing the dependent children of this state.

WHEREAS, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program's sole mission is to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in dependency court proceedings, and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program has provided independent advocacy for hundreds of thousands of dependent children in this state, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program coordinates and oversees the work of nearly 8,000 volunteers, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children in the dependency system have greatly benefited from participation in the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program, with volunteers not only serving in an advocacy role, but also serving as educational surrogates, and

WHEREAS, each year volunteers with the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program donate time, services, and support worth millions of dollars to this state and provide an invaluable service to dependency court judges, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program strives to achieve permanency for children in the dependency system and has played a key role in making this state the national leader in adoption, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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30 That the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program is commended for
31 its many years of service representing the best interests of
32 Florida's dependent children.