

By Senator Ring

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 19, 2011, as "Florida
3 Wing, Civil Air Patrol Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was established on December
6 1, 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by
7 citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's
8 coastline, and

9 WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of the United States Army
10 Air Forces, Civil Air Patrol pilots flew more than 500,000 hours
11 and were credited with sinking two enemy submarines and rescuing
12 hundreds of crash survivors during World War II, and

13 WHEREAS, President Harry Truman established the Civil Air
14 Patrol as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation
15 on July 1, 1946, and on May 26, 1948, the United States Congress
16 passed Public Law 557, which permanently established the Civil
17 Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the United States Air Force and
18 charged the patrol with three primary missions: cadet programs,
19 emergency services, and aerospace education, and

20 WHEREAS, in October 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-
21 398, which designated the Civil Air Patrol as a volunteer
22 civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force when its
23 services are provided to any department or agency of the Federal
24 Government, and

25 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's cadet program offers
26 children and young adults from ages 12 to 21 training in the
27 areas of leadership, ethics, decisionmaking, and physical
28 fitness and endurance, as well as the opportunity to fly in
29 military aircraft and compete for scholarships toward earning

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30 pilot's licenses, and

31 WHEREAS, the goal of the Civil Air Patrol's aerospace
32 education program is to foster and cultivate student interest in
33 aerospace through the promotion of aviation, technology,
34 engineering, and aerospace studies in the classroom, and

35 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's emergency services program
36 provides crucial services for United States citizens, such as
37 inland search and rescue operations, reconnaissance for homeland
38 security, and disaster relief and support to local, state, and
39 national organizations, and

40 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is composed entirely of
41 volunteer members from all walks of life, including medical and
42 business professionals, law enforcement officers, clergy
43 members, educators, and others, whose sole purpose is to serve
44 the citizens of the United States and the State of Florida, and

45 WHEREAS, one of the largest and most active Wings in the
46 Civil Air Patrol is the Florida Wing, with more than 3,800
47 members, and

48 WHEREAS, Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol has flown more than
49 7,145 hours over the past year in support of its task to serve
50 the citizens of the State of Florida and has executed more than
51 385 missions in the state, including United States Air Force
52 training missions, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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56 That April 19, 2011, is recognized as "Florida Wing, Civil
57 Air Patrol Day" in the State of Florida.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with

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59 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Florida
60 Wing, Civil Air Patrol as a tangible token of the sentiments of
61 the Florida Senate.