By Senator Wright

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Governor's Medal of Freedom; amending s. 14.35, F.S.; abrogating the repeal of provisions authorizing the Governor to present the Governor's Medal of Freedom to certain persons; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 14.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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14.35 Governor's Medal of Freedom.

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(1) The Governor may present, in the name of the State of Florida, a medal to be known as the "Governor's Medal of Freedom," which shall bear a suitable inscription and ribbon of appropriate design, to any person who has made an especially meritorious contribution to the interests and residents citizens of this the state, its culture, or other significant public or

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private endeavor.

(2)(a) In the event of the death of an individual who has been chosen to receive the Governor's Medal of Freedom, the medal may be presented to a designated representative of the chosen recipient.

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(b) The Governor's Medal of Freedom may only be presented to an individual once.

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(3) This section expires July 1, 2022.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.