

By Senator Bennett

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution recognizing and commending
3 Danielle White of Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Danielle White was born February 2, 1992, in
6 Cincinnati, Ohio, and has lived in Lakewood Ranch, Florida,
7 with her family since age 5, and

8 WHEREAS, Danielle has distinguished herself as an
9 outstanding student at Braden River Elementary School,
10 maintaining a straight A average for the 2002-2003 school
11 year, achieving a national percentile rank of 99 for her
12 performance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, and
13 receiving many awards for academic excellence, including the
14 President's Award for Academic Excellence, and

15 WHEREAS, blessed with intelligence, physical
16 coordination, creative imagination, and an enthusiasm for
17 self-expression, Danielle has shown remarkable talent as a
18 dancer, gymnast, actress, playwright, and gifted singer,
19 performing in many school and community events, including
20 American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraising campaigns
21 in Manatee and Sarasota counties, and

22 WHEREAS, after receiving voice lessons for less than a
23 year from hometown professional, Mariea Watkins, in May 2003,
24 Danielle, at age 11, embarked on a competitive journey with
25 2,000 children aged 6 to 13 participating in a nationwide
26 talent search sponsored by Fox Network in its new show,
27 "American Juniors," vying for selection to a new 5-member pop
28 singing group of the same name, and

29 WHEREAS, Danielle was selected as one of the 10
30 finalists by the panel of professional artists who served as
31 judges, and after singing "Never Had a Dream Come True" in a

1 national broadcast on August 12, 2003, was selected by the
2 record 8.2 million votes cast by callers as one of the new
3 5-member pop singing group known as the "American Juniors,"
4 each of whom has been awarded a contract with Fox to travel
5 and perform throughout the United States and Europe for the
6 next year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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10 That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends
11 Danielle White as a shining star among school-age children in
12 Florida, distinguished by her extraordinary accomplishments in
13 scholarship and the performing arts, bringing great pride to
14 the residents of Lakewood Ranch, Manatee County, and the State
15 of Florida.

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