

Florida Senate Resolution

By Senator Aronberg

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*A resolution recognizing the important purpose and goals of
the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.*

WHEREAS, the mission of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., is to raise the funds necessary to design and construct a memorial dedicated to American servicemen and servicewomen who have returned from war with life-altering disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., was established in 1998 through the combined efforts of philanthropist Lois Pope, Foundation Chairman; Mr. Arthur Wilson, National Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans organization and Foundation President; and the late Jesse Brown, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Foundation's first Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress approved this national memorial to be built in Washington D.C. with the passage of Public Law 106-348, an act sponsored by Senators John McCain and Max Cleland and by Representatives Sam Johnson and Jack Murtha, and

WHEREAS, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will command an impressive 2-acre site within full view of the U.S. Capitol and will be constructed of marble and glass, conveying an interplay of strength and vulnerability, loss and renewal, and

WHEREAS, at this sacred spot, all of us - parents, sons and daughters, wives, husbands, friends, and citizens - can bear witness to the courage, sacrifice, tenacity, loyalty, and honor demonstrated by our soldiers permanently injured in battle, and

WHEREAS, the Memorial will hold a special place in the hearts of all Americans, and will serve as a never-ending reminder to all of the cost of human conflict, and will be dedicated to both living and deceased veterans who have been disabled for life in military service, and

WHEREAS, the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will express America's lasting gratitude to the men and women whose lives have been forever changed in service to our country and to their families and friends, transcending individual wars and conflicts, service branches, and generations, and share in their struggles to face lives harshly compromised by war, NOW, THEREFORE,

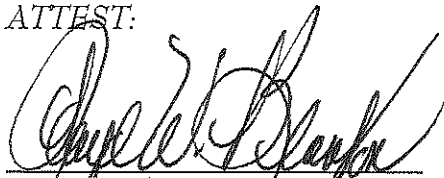
Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

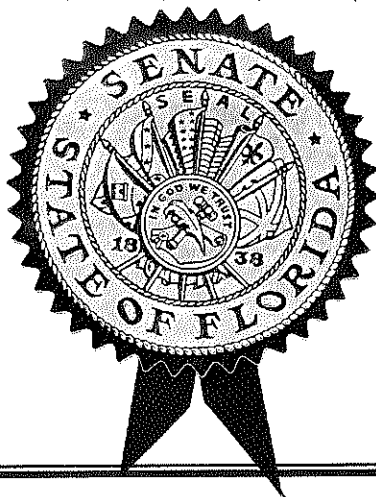
That the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., is commended for its vision in seeking to build this important memorial - the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial - and encourage and support efforts to raise funds for its construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

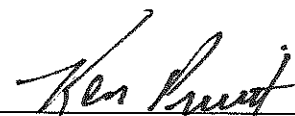
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ATTEST:


Faye W. Blanton
Secretary of the Senate



*This is a true and correct copy
of Senate Resolution No. 2970,
adopted by the Florida Senate
on May 2, 2008.*


Ken Pruitt
President of the Senate