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Florida Supervisors of Elections Applaud Senate Poll Worker Resolution

Today the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) commended the Florida Senate for recognizing the commitment of Election Day Officials – more commonly referred to as Poll Workers – from across the state. Senate Resolution 1296, which was published Thursday in the Journal of the Senate, commends the thousands of individuals who work during early voting and on Election Day for their outstanding service and dedication to the democratic process in their communities.

Florida's Supervisors of Elections entrust a diverse cadre of Election Day Officials to administer the activities at polling locations and early voting locations in local, state, and federal elections from Pensacola to Fernandina Beach to Key West, and all points in between. Poll Workers commit to attend in-depth training sessions, in which they learn policies and procedures and operations of voting equipment, all to ensure fair and accurate elections for their fellow citizens. They then put that training into practice on Election Day for upwards of 14 hours or more in polling places all across the state.

Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley presented the idea to Senator Mike Fasano, who represents portions of Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus counties. Fasano introduced Senate Resolution 1296 in December and shepherded it through the chamber.

A copy of the resolution is attached.

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Florida Senate Resolution

By Senator Fasano

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A resolution commending those who serve as election day officials at polling places throughout Florida for their outstanding service and dedication.

WHEREAS, freedom is best maintained and nurtured through the democratic process, which requires fair and open elections that accurately reflect the intent of the electorate, and

WHEREAS, the supervisors of elections have long relied upon election day officials to assist them in administering elections, and

WHEREAS, those seeking to become election officials are extraordinarily committed in attending training sessions to learn policies, procedures, and responsibilities to ensure that voting is administered in a fair, nondiscriminatory, and transparent manner, and

WHEREAS, election day officials enthusiastically assist fellow citizens during the election process with early voting and at polling places, ensuring accurate and trouble-free elections along with timely results, and

WHEREAS, election day officials are responsible for administering all activities at polling places in Florida, and have remained willing, positive, and innovative throughout the many changes in election procedures, policies, and voting equipment, and

WHEREAS, election day officials have served as ambassadors of the supervisors of elections and have contributed to the high level of integrity in the election process in Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Senate commends those who serve as election day officials at polling places throughout Florida for their outstanding service and dedication.

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ATTEST:

Debbie Brown
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Secretary of the Senate

This is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 1296, adopted by the Florida Senate on February 23, 2012.

Mike Haridopolos
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President of the Senate