Florida Senate
Resolution

By Senator Dockery

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A resolution recognizing the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners for its work on the Florida Organic Recycling Center for Excellence.

WHEREAS, Sumter County, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection and with public and private researchers, created the Florida Organic Recycling Center for Excellence (F.O.R.C.E.), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of F.O.R.C.E. is to bring together academic researchers and industry leaders to develop practical and applicable solutions for Florida's organic waste, and

WHEREAS, the solid-waste stream accounts for about one-half of Florida's solid waste, and

WHEREAS, training and outreach activities provided by F.O.R.C.E. have been attended by a wide range of Florida government and industry leaders, and

WHEREAS, F.O.R.C.E. has been active in making presentations at local, state, and national meetings and conferences regarding solid-waste recycling and composting, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of F.O.R.C.E. have produced a searchable database providing information and links to over 200 organizations nationwide in the organics processing industry, and

WHEREAS, researchers from the public and private sectors in conjunction with F.O.R.C.E. are involved in over $200,000 worth of research and development projects, and

WHEREAS, organics recovery and production can provide physical, chemical, and environmental benefits in helping to protect Florida's soil and groundwater, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Sumter County Commission is commended for its outstanding efforts to reduce solid waste and improve the soil and groundwater in the State of Florida through the Florida Organic Recycling Center of Excellence.

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This is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 2700, adopted by the Florida Senate on April 29, 2005.

ATTEST:

Faye W. Blanton
Secretary of the Senate

Tom Lee
President of the Senate