RESOLUTION NO. 88-311

DESIGNATING DECEMBER 15, 1988 AS THE DAY TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

WHEREAS, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is the largest school of its kind in the world, being located on seventy acres of prime St. Augustine real estate and containing on its campus forty major buildings, and

WHEREAS, the FSDB has prepared, in its 103-year history, seventy-four graduating classes of the hearing and the visually impaired handicapped for meaningful and productive lives, and

WHEREAS, the FSDB is accredited by three national, professional accrediting agencies and has prepared for the past several years seventy-five percent of their seniors for continued education at colleges, universities and technical training centers, and

WHEREAS, the FSDB generates 1,159 jobs comprising four percent of countywide employment, and directly employs 611 staff with an annual gross payroll of \$13.5 million, and

WHEREAS, the staff and administration of FSDB have contributed their efforts, time and talents to the community through civic, service and church organizations, and

whereas, the FSDB has on many occasions brought national recognition to the City of St. Augustine, St. Johns County and the State of Florida through programs of educational excellence, resources for professional educators, research projects, outreach programs, technical assistance, international travel and athletic accomplishments, and

WHEREAS, the FSDB is now suffering a significant and monumental loss, resulting in a necessary inquiry affecting endeavors and morale of students, staff and administration, and

WHEREAS, this organization, the community and individuals share the tragedy of our neighbors, our friends and our family, the FSDB

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners support the FSDB as the school continues to strive for the purpose of education of our handicapped youth, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we designate Thursday, December 15, 1988 as the day to show support for the significant contributions since 1885 of the FSDB, and call upon other community organizations to assist in this effort.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 1988 by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

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