

By Senator Gutman

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See HR 9321

1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary
3 of Miami-Dade Days in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1957, the voters of Dade County approved a
6 metropolitan form of government, and Miami-Dade County became
7 the first in the state to achieve "home rule" status, and

8 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1836, Dade County's
9 population has grown from an 1850 census count of 96 to over 2
10 million, living in 29 municipalities and the vast
11 unincorporated areas of the county, and

12 WHEREAS, aided in part by the mass emigration to the
13 area begun in 1960 in the wake of the communist power seizure
14 in Cuba, Miami-Dade County, located along the southeastern tip
15 of the Florida peninsula, is a vibrant multicultural
16 community, truly the "Capital of the Americas," and

17 WHEREAS, simply known as Metro-Dade, the government,
18 recognized as a leading local government in the United States,
19 not only provides both neighborhood and countywide services to
20 its citizens, but also operates five airports, including Miami
21 International, the second busiest for international passenger
22 traffic in the Western Hemisphere, and the Port of Miami, the
23 largest cruise port in the world and among the busiest cargo
24 ports in the hemisphere, and

25 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County enjoys a broad spectrum of
26 entertainment and is the chosen home to dozens of
27 internationally renowned entertainers, from Sylvester
28 Stallone, Madonna, and Julio Iglesias to Gloria and Emilio
29 Estefan, and

30 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to the New World
31 Symphony, currently celebrating its 10th anniversary as a

1 world-class training orchestra, as well as the internationally
2 renowned Miami City Ballet, Florida Grand Opera, and dozens of
3 cultural institutions and museums, and

4 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to four professional
5 sports teams, counts tourism as one of its most important
6 industries, and harvests more tropical vegetables than any
7 other county in the nation, and

8 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Community College has been ranked
9 the best in the nation; the University of Miami, linked with
10 Jackson Memorial Hospital, is internationally known for its
11 medical research projects; and Florida International
12 University is among the top public commuter colleges in the
13 country, and

14 WHEREAS, 1998 marks the tenth year the area has hosted
15 Miami-Dade Days in the state capital, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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19 That the Florida Senate hereby recognizes April 1 and
20 2, 1998, as the 10th anniversary of Miami-Dade Days in
21 Tallahassee.

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