

By Senator Silver

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_  
2           A resolution proclaiming Wednesday and  
3           Thursday, April 7 and 8, 1999, as "Miami-Dade  
4           County Days."  
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6           WHEREAS, Greater Miami contains more than 65,000  
7 businesses, which employ over 900,000 people, and is the site  
8 of 50 foreign consulates, 23 international trade offices, and  
9 31 bi-national Chambers of Commerce, and  
10           WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a hub of international  
11 trade, as evidenced by the fact that 40 percent of all U.S.  
12 exports to Latin America and the Caribbean pass through the  
13 Miami Customs District, that Miami International Airport ranks  
14 first in the U.S. for international freight and second in the  
15 number of international passengers, and that the Port of Miami  
16 is the ninth-largest containerized cargo port in the U.S. and  
17 is the cruise capital of the world, and  
18           WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a center of world  
19 finance, with 135 financial institutions and foreign agencies  
20 within its boundaries, and  
21           WHEREAS, the film and TV industry has made Miami-Dade  
22 County one of the largest production centers in the nation,  
23 where, last year, productions ranging from television  
24 commercials and print ads to music videos and films totaled  
25 more than \$200 million, and  
26           WHEREAS, despite considerable damage due to Hurricane  
27 Andrew in 1992, agriculture continues to be an important  
28 economic force in Miami-Dade County, and more tropical  
29 vegetables are harvested there than in any county in the U.S.,  
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1           WHEREAS, manufacturing is also a key industry in  
2 Miami-Dade County, with nearly 3,000 companies that employ  
3 approximately 80,000 individuals, and

4           WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is experiencing a cultural  
5 boom in world-class entertainment and cultural activities,  
6 with more than 600 nonprofit cultural organizations offering  
7 dance, theater, music, and visual arts, and

8           WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade community is a microcosm of the  
9 world, in which 156 countries are represented; 60 languages  
10 are spoken daily; 15 languages are taught in the community's  
11 schools; 69 direct, nonstop flights take passengers to Latin  
12 America and the Caribbean; and trade flourishes at the U.S.  
13 port located closest to Africa, and

14           WHEREAS, today the tourism industry and the spillover  
15 created by the industry creates jobs for one in every six  
16 residents of the Miami-Dade area, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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20           That the Florida Senate recognizes the many valuable  
21 contributions that Miami-Dade County makes to the cultural and  
22 economic well-being of this state, and, in recognition of  
23 those contributions, this body designates April 7 and 8, 1999,  
24 as "Miami-Dade County Days."

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
26 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the  
27 chairperson of the Miami-Dade County legislative delegation,  
28 as a token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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