

By Representative Bullard

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the staff of WEDR 99
3 JAMZ's continuing dedication to the betterment
4 of their community.

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6 WHEREAS, since 1982, when WEDR led the community in
7 calling for the release of several detained Haitian refugees,
8 99 JAMZ has provided African-Americans and community leaders
9 in Miami with both a forum and a voice to express concerns
10 that are important to them, and

11 WHEREAS, 99 JAMZ's never-ending commitment to the
12 community it serves has helped to secure its place as the
13 number one station in its Miami-Fort Lauderdale market and to
14 become the first Black-formatted radio station in the United
15 States to be sold for the phenomenal price of \$65 million, and

16 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Vice President and
17 General Manager Jerry Rushin, WEDR has used its high stature
18 and strong listener base to further its commitment to the
19 betterment of its community, such as the establishment of the
20 99 JAMZ Jocks Reading Club, which encourages youth and adults
21 alike to learn to read, and

22 WHEREAS, in its commitment to service, 99 JAMZ, through
23 a partnership with the Miami-Dade firefighters, has succeeded
24 in brightening the holidays in Miami by collecting over 3,000
25 toys which were distributed to both families screened by the
26 Department of Children and Families and participants in the
27 department's Foster Care Program, as well as to the Miami-Dade
28 community at large at the 99 JAMZ Winter Wonderland, NOW,
29 THEREFORE,

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1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the members of the House of Representatives pause
5 in their deliberations to commend Jerry Rushin and the staff
6 at WEDR 99 JAMZ for their ongoing efforts to serve and to
7 better their community.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
9 be presented to the staff of WEDR 99 JAMZ as a tangible token
10 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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