

By Representative Bullard

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House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the life and work of  
Dr. Gwendolyn Brown.

WHEREAS, not content to have children just learn to  
read, long-time educator Dr. Gwendolyn Brown was driven by a  
passion to instill in her students a love of reading, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown earned a bachelor's degree from  
Bethune-Cookman College, a master's degree from the University  
of Northern Colorado, and a doctoral degree from Nova  
Southeastern University before returning to her native Miami  
to devote her 37-year career to teaching in the Miami-Dade  
County public school system, and

WHEREAS, with a reputation for "getting to kids" and  
for stressing that reading was a gift, Dr. Brown not only made  
reading a priority in her home as well as in the classroom,  
but also reached out to encourage and help neighborhood  
children learn to read, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown taught in several schools throughout  
the county but is perhaps most fondly remembered for her last  
13 years as a reading specialist at Douglas MacArthur Senior  
High School South, an alternative school where she developed a  
reading mentoring program and made a marked improvement in her  
students' ability to read, and

WHEREAS, during her stellar career in education, Dr.  
Brown also served as an adjunct or part-time professor at Nova  
Southeastern University, Florida Memorial College, Barry  
University, and Miami-Dade Community College, and

WHEREAS, it is noted with deep sadness that when death  
claimed Dr. Gwendolyn Brown on April 23, 2002, the Miami-Dade  
community lost an outstanding educator and an avid promoter

1 and champion of reading as a means of opening new worlds and  
2 reaching unrealized potential, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
5 Florida:

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7 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
8 deliberations to extend its condolences to the family,  
9 friends, and community of Dr. Gwendolyn Brown.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
11 be presented to each of the three sons of Dr. Gwendolyn Brown  
12 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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