By Senators Wilson, Margolis, Bullard, Wasserman Schultz, Garcia, Diaz de la Portilla and Villalobos

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Senate Resolution No. _____

A resolution recognizing April 2-3, 2003, as "Miami-Dade County Days" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, Florida, is a center of world finance, with over 150 financial institutions and foreign agencies within its geographic boundaries; a major tourist destination for millions of travelers annually from virtually everywhere in the world; and a preeminent gateway to international trade, particularly countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is experiencing a boom in cultural activities and world-class entertainment, with more than 1,000 nonprofit organizations presenting dance, theatre, music, visual arts, festivals, and other special events, and a state-of-the-art performing arts center, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, sales estimated at \$2.5 billion were transacted as a direct result of business operations generated by the film and television industry in Miami-Dade County, making the county one of the largest visual media production centers in the nation, and

WHEREAS, in the past 15 years, the growth and development of Miami-Dade County has been dynamic, as indicated by continuing increases in the number of international and domestic travelers passing through the Port of Miami and Miami International Airport, the volume of goods being transported through the port and the airport, and the number of municipalities within the county having increased from 27 to 33, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has become one of the largest, most vibrant, and most economically prosperous metropolitan areas in the world, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Florida Senate recognizes the extraordinary importance and value of Miami-Dade County to the State of Florida, commends its diverse growth and economic prosperity, and celebrates April 2-3, 2003, as "Miami-Dade County Days" in the State of Florida.