

HR 9173 2003

House Resolution

A resolution honoring Raymond Santiago, the nation's "2003 Librarian of the Year."

WHEREAS, appointed Director of the Miami-Dade Public Library in 1998, Raymond Santiago has been named "2003 Librarian of the Year" by the prestigious Library Journal, the most widely read and circulated magazine in library circles, and

WHEREAS, the coveted award is presented each year to a professional librarian for "outstanding achievements and accomplishments reflecting the loftiest service goals of the library profession," and

WHEREAS, Director Santiago was chosen from a list of national nominees that had been narrowed to 40 professionals who had "demonstrated a commitment to the free access to information for all; the encouragement of reading; the creation of inducements to greater use of books and other library materials and information sources; the enhancement and expansion of library services to all areas and constituencies in the community; and the strengthening of the library role and position in the community," and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 10, 2003, the Miami-Dade Public Library System will honor Library Director Raymond Santiago upon his being honored as the Library Journal "2003 Librarian of the Year," NOW, THEREFORE,

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



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That the House of Representatives extends its sincere congratulations to Miami-Dade Public Library Director Raymond Santiago, recipient of the Library Journal's prestigious award, and further congratulates the citizens of Miami-Dade County upon their library director's selection as "Librarian of the Year" for 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Raymond Santiago as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.