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By Senator Bullard

39-1845-05 1 Senate Resolution No. 2 A resolution recognizing the accomplishments of Robert L. Epling. 3 4 5 WHEREAS, Robert L. Epling, President and CEO of 6 Community Bank of Florida since 1977, is one of South 7 Florida's most distinguished business and civic leaders, and WHEREAS, Mr. Epling was the 55th President of the 8 Orange Bowl Committee, served as the leader of the 1993-1994 9 Festival, and was Chair of the 1996 South Florida Olympic 10 Soccer Organizing Committee, and 11 12 WHEREAS, Robert Epling provides leadership and energy 13 to a wide variety of community support organizations, serving on the executive board of the South Florida Council of Boy 14 Scouts of America and as a member of the Homestead Rotary 15 16 Club, and 17 WHEREAS, he is also Chair of the Board of the 18 International Hurricane Center, and spent countless hours helping to rebuild the devastated community of Homestead 19 following Hurricane Andrew, and 20 21 WHEREAS, in addition, Robert Epling serves on the Board 22 of AvMed, Inc., is the Founding Chair of the Vision Council, 23 served as Chair of Beacon Council, Dade's official economic development agency, and currently serves on additional boards 2.4 and foundations, and 25 WHEREAS, in his role as a financial leader, Mr. Epling 26 27 has served as the president of banks in Lexington, Kentucky, 2.8 and Dania and Marathon in Florida, and spent 3 years as an assistant bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance 29 Corporation (FDIC) in Washington, D.C., and 30 31

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WHEREAS, Robert Epling was president of the Community Bankers/Florida Bankers Association from 1988 to 1990, received the Community Bankers of Florida's "Banker of the Year" award in 1993, was honored with a University Distinguished Service Award from Florida International University in 1999, and was presented with the Florida Bankers Association "Legends Award" in 2003, and WHEREAS, in addition to his business and community leadership work, Robert Epling has also been an agricultural leader and grower of limes for more than 25 years, and he is on the Board of the Dade County Farm Bureau, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: That the Senate commends the many professional and community service accomplishments of Robert L. Epling and recognizes the many ways in which his leadership and activism have benefitted the State of Florida. 2.4 

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