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By Senators Wilson, Rich, Margolis and Bullard

33-2489-06 1 Senate Resolution 2 A resolution honoring the dedication and contributions of Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek. 3 4 5 WHEREAS, Carrie P. Meek was born on April 29, 1926, the 6 granddaughter of a slave and the daughter of former 7 sharecroppers, and spent her childhood in a then-segregated 8 Tallahassee, and WHEREAS, Carrie Meek graduated from Florida 9 Agricultural and Mechanical University in 1946, a time when 10 African Americans were not permitted to attend graduate school 11 12 in Florida, and then earned a Master's Degree at the 13 University of Michigan, and WHEREAS, she worked as an educator at Bethune Cookman 14 College in Daytona Beach and at her alma mater, Florida A&M 15 University, moving to Miami to serve as Special Assistant to 16 17 the Vice President of Miami-Dade Community College, a 18 segregated school at which she played a central role in pressing for integration, and 19 WHEREAS, active in community projects in the Miami 20 21 area, Carrie Meek was elected as a State Representative in 22 1979 and was the first African-American woman elected to the 23 Florida State Senate in 1982, during which time she served on the Education Appropriations Subcommittee and helped pave the 2.4 way for the construction of thousands of affordable rental 25 housing units in her district, and 26 27 WHEREAS, in 1992, Senator Meek was elected to the 2.8 United States House of Representatives from Florida's 17th Congressional District, an accomplishment that made her the 29 first African-American lawmaker elected to represent Florida 30 31 in Congress since Reconstruction, and

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WHEREAS, upon taking office, Congresswoman Meek faced 1 2 the task of helping her district recover from the devastation 3 wrought by Hurricane Andrew, and her efforts helped to raise 4 \$100 million in federal assistance to rebuild Miami-Dade 5 County, NOW, THEREFORE, б 7 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 8 9 That the Senate honors Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek for 10 her lifetime of dedication to the residents of the State of Florida and the United States of America, and recognizes her 11 12 for her many significant contributions, which, throughout the 13 state and the nation, have helped to nurture children, strengthen communities, and improve the democratic process. 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to 16 17 Congresswoman Meek as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate. 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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