

By Senator Bullard

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 18, 2007, as  
"Miami MetroZoo Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, each year nearly 500,000 people visit Miami  
MetroZoo and about 80,000 school children benefit from the  
educational programs of Miami MetroZoo, and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society of Florida has  
supported Miami MetroZoo and its predecessor, the Crandon Park  
Zoo, since 1956, helping with relocation and redesign after  
the zoo was flooded by Hurricane Betsy in 1965, and

WHEREAS, Miami MetroZoo and the Zoological Society of  
Florida have been working together since 1998 in a formal  
partnership in meeting educational, conservational, and  
recreational goals, and

WHEREAS, Miami MetroZoo was rated one of America's top  
ten zoos by Travel and Leisure Magazine, and

WHEREAS, Miami MetroZoo houses more than 1,200 wild  
animals in a cageless setting that closely approximates the  
animals' natural habitats and gives the visitor the feeling of  
embarking on an international safari, and

WHEREAS, more than 200 volunteers contribute 30,000  
hours of service to Miami MetroZoo every year, including  
acting as exhibit interpreters and providing guided tours at  
the zoo and conducting educational programs in the community,  
which services are worth \$315,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, the Miami MetroZoo participates in  
species-survival plans for 47 species which, by providing for  
long-term breeding and conservation, help avoid the extinction  
of endangered species such as the Bengal Tiger, the Indian

1 Rhinoceros, the Andean Condor, the Asian Small-Clawed Otter,  
2 and other endangered species, and

3 WHEREAS, Miami MetroZoo's breeding programs have  
4 received widespread recognition and a variety of prestigious  
5 awards, ranging from several First Captive Breeding  
6 Certificates to the Edward H. Bean Award, the zoological  
7 profession's highest honor, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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11 That the Senate recognizes April 18, 2007, as "Miami  
12 MetroZoo Day" in Tallahassee in recognition of the outstanding  
13 work of Miami MetroZoo, in partnership with the Zoological  
14 Society of Florida, as the Legislature concurrently celebrates  
15 "Dade Days" at the State Capital.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
17 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Miami  
18 MetroZoo as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
19 Senate.

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