

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Don Daly for his constructive and beneficial community service work improving the conditions of Caribbean-born Floridians and of Caribbean people in their countries of origin.

WHEREAS, Don Daly is President and CEO of CRI Communications, Inc., and of Caribbean Upliftment, Inc., organizations dedicated to providing links between Caribbean-born residents of the United States and their homelands and to improving their living conditions and the living conditions in Jamaica and other Caribbean countries, and

WHEREAS, CRI Communications, Inc., (CRI) is dedicated to gathering and disseminating responsible news and cultural information from the Caribbean to North American Caribbean nationals through radio and television broadcasts, town hall meetings, and other forms of communication, and

WHEREAS, a native of Jamaica, Don Daly joined the Bank of Nova Scotia in 1967, working there until he moved to New York in 1970, where he earned his Associate of Arts degree from the New York City Community College and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences and his Master of Science degree in Urban Development from Stony Brook University in Long Island, and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he moved to South Florida and worked as a Distribution Manager for the Miami Herald until 1996, founding CRI Communications in 1987 and broadcasting a radio program featuring news, sports, interviews, general information, and a variety of music to an audience reaching from the Palm Beaches to Miami and the Bahamas, the majority of his audience living in

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30 South Florida and comprising people from more than 35 countries,
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32 WHEREAS, in 1995, he expanded the program to include
33 television broadcasts on PAX-TV, featuring news and sports from
34 the Caribbean as well as documentaries on Jamaica and other
35 historical and cultural subjects, and

36 WHEREAS, in the Caribbean community, Don is considered a
37 pioneer in the field of communications, being the first to
38 provide live coverage of general election results from Jamaica in
39 1989, 1993, 1997, and 2002, and

40 WHEREAS, Don has also put enormous effort into planning,
41 coordinating, and raising funds for humanitarian efforts in Miami
42 and overseas, including the organization of a medical team of
43 more than 100 doctors and medical and dental students from Nova
44 University of South Florida who annually spend 11 days in Jamaica
45 administering health care to more than 3,500 people living in
46 underserved areas, and

47 WHEREAS, in the 7 years of this medical mission, more than
48 21,000 indigent Jamaicans have received free health care and
49 medication, some through an additional group Don has organized of
50 podiatry doctors and students from Barry University, and

51 WHEREAS, Don also makes time to assist various local civic
52 organizations with the planning and promotion of events to raise
53 funds for their organizations' charitable causes; he has served
54 for more than 10 years as the master of ceremonies of the Jamaica
55 Independence Ball; he organizes and coordinates town hall
56 meetings in association with several attorneys, doctors, and
57 public and private entities to disseminate information across
58 Florida to various groups; and he is a founding board member of

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59 | the Unique Coalition of Minority Business, Inc., and the Jamaica-
60 | USA Chamber of Commerce, both located in Miami, and

61 | WHEREAS, Don has received multiple awards for his
62 | outstanding community service, including the Broward County Board
63 | of Commissioners Library Division "Unsung Hero" award for his
64 | selfless giving of time, resources, and talent; a proclamation
65 | from the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and the Board of
66 | County Commissioners recognizing him as a pioneer in
67 | communications; recognition by the Antigua and Barbuda
68 | Organization for his significant contributions to the promotion
69 | of their sports and culture; the Jamaican Prime Minister's "2003
70 | Medal of Appreciation" for his outstanding contribution and
71 | service to Jamaica and the Jamaican community; Nova University's
72 | SNMA award for his outstanding generosity and selfless
73 | contributions; an award from Barry University for his outstanding
74 | dedication to the Barry 2003 medical mission; and the Jamaican
75 | Nurses Association's 2006 Humanitarian Award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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77 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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79 | That the Senate pauses in its deliberations to recognize the
80 | manifold contributions Don Daly has made to the well-being of
81 | Caribbean-born Floridians and to Jamaicans and others having
82 | underserved health needs, and to applaud his success in
83 | supporting productive communication among Floridians, Americans
84 | in general, and the peoples of the Caribbean.

85 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
86 | the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Don Daly as a
87 | tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.