

By Senator Bullard

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Paul Polizzotto, renowned environmentalist.

WHEREAS, Paul Polizzotto developed a love of water as a surfer in Manhattan Beach, California, and, troubled by the polluted water that made him and fellow surfers sick, launched his first green business, Property Prep, in 1989, after graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, Property Prep provided environmental cleaning services to assist industries in complying with stormwater laws by using a Zero Discharge process, a ground-breaking method developed to reduce the flow of pollutants into stormwater drain systems that feed into lakes, rivers, and the ocean, and

WHEREAS, Paul Polizzotto's state and local activism in environmental issues led him to create Adopt-a-Waterway (formerly Adopt-a-Stormdrain), after discovering that local governments were aware of which pollution mitigation systems were required to clean up their waterways but lacked adequate funding to implement them, and

WHEREAS, Adopt-a-Waterway provides funding and resources to clean the world's waters, the earth's most precious natural resource and, due to this great innovation and pioneering achievement, Paul Polizzotto earned recognition from the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an "Environmental Hero," and

WHEREAS, building on his earlier successes, Paul Polizzotto founded EcoMedia, the world's premier environmental media company, which uses corporate advertising dollars to fund local

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30 environmental programs, and through EcoZone, EcoMedia's flagship  
31 program, provides funding for fiscally constrained local  
32 governments to help them meet federal and state regulations  
33 mandating clean air, water, and energy, and

34 WHEREAS, EcoZone has joined with the City of Miami to launch  
35 EcoZone Miami, a public-private environmental partnership that  
36 will fund and support the "Greening of Miami" projects and  
37 initiatives of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, including the City Hall  
38 Energy Efficiency Project, the Miami Green Lab, the Miami Baywash  
39 Program, the GlobeTech Catch Basin Insert Filter Installation  
40 project, and the Miami Tree Canopy Initiative, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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44 That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends the  
45 outstanding leadership and support to environmental rebuilding  
46 demonstrated by Paul Polizzotto.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
48 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Paul Polizzotto  
49 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.