

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Al Dotson, Jr., for his many years of leadership and dedicated service to the South Florida community.

WHEREAS, on June 9, 1960, Mr. Albert Dotson, Jr., was born to Dr. Albert Dotson, Sr., and his wife, Dr. Earlene Dotson, in Detroit, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dotson graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Economics and History and was then accepted into Vanderbilt University's School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctor degree and was awarded the Bennett Douglas Bell Memorial Prize for academic achievement and high ethical standards, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dotson is Chairman of the Board of 100 Black Men of America, Chairman of the Miami Dade College Foundation Board of Trustees, was President of the Orange Bowl Committee for the 2006-2007 Orange Bowl Festival and the FedEx Orange Bowl Game, and participates actively in a wide array of vital organizations and groups including the FTAA Ministerial Board of Trustees, the Super Bowl XLI Host Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, United Way of Miami-Dade County, the Overtown Youth Center, the Dade County Bar Association Blue Ribbon Commission on Judicial Campaigns, the Miami Business Forum, the Jackson Memorial Hospital Public Health Trust, the National Conference of Community and Justice, and the Alliance For Ethical Government, and

WHEREAS, he was named one of Ebony Magazine's "100 Most Influential Black Americans"; as one of the "Most Effective Lawyers" in Real Estate/Construction Law by the Daily Business

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30 Review; as one of South Florida's Top Lawyers by Miami Metro
31 Magazine; and as one of "40 Business Leaders in South Florida
32 Under Age 40" by the South Florida Business Journal, and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Dotson has received numerous additional awards
34 including the March of Dimes Community Excellence in Real Estate
35 Law Award; the 1999 Community Leader Award by the Wilke D.
36 Ferguson, Jr., Bar Association; the 2001 Outstanding Star of Our
37 Community Award by The Vizcayans; the 2004 Certificate of Special
38 Congressional Recognition by Senator Bill Nelson in honor of his
39 contributions to the State of Florida; and has received
40 commendations and proclamations from the Mayor of Miami-Dade
41 County, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, the
42 Mayor of the City of Miami, and the City of Miami Commission, and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Dotson resides in South Florida with his loving
44 wife, Attorney Gail Ash Dotson, and their two children, Ashley
45 Erin Dotson and Albert Eugene Dotson, III, and continues to
46 contribute greatly to the State of Florida and the South Florida
47 region through his leadership and community service, NOW,
48 THEREFORE,

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

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52 That the Senate recognizes and commends Mr. Al Dotson, Jr.,
53 for his many years of outstanding leadership and exemplary
54 community service in South Florida.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
56 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Al Dotson, Jr.,
57 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.