

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Mr. Don Noe for his contribution of more than 20 years of meteorological expertise in South Florida.

WHEREAS, Don Noe, born June 30, 1951, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, developed an interest in science, cultivated by "Mr. Wizard" on Saturday morning television, and

WHEREAS, one day, lightning struck a tall tree in the Noes' back yard and this event served as a lightning rod that directed Don's interest towards meteorology, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Don enrolled in the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he would earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1973, and

WHEREAS, also in 1973, Don married his high school sweetheart, Betty, and together they have raised two wonderful sons, Matthew and Alan, and

WHEREAS, after stints in Green Bay and Portland as Chief Meteorologist, Don accepted a position with WPLG channel 10 in Miami in 1979, just 2 months before his first hurricane experience when Hurricane David, a powerful category 5 storm, swept near the Florida coast, and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1992, Don's life, like the lives of many South Floridians, was drastically changed as Hurricane Andrew ravaged South Dade with its 200-mph winds, and

WHEREAS, Don spent the next few weeks reporting on the storm that changed forever how he felt about and viewed many things in this world, and

WHEREAS, after the devastation of Andrew, Don recognized the

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30 importance of his position as Chief Meteorologist at WPLG and the
31 responsibility it carried to the community, realizing how much
32 people actually depended on him and others to remain in front of
33 the camera throughout the nights of the storm, advising them on
34 the safest course of action and providing communication, comfort,
35 and reassurance, and

36 WHEREAS, on November 28th, 2007, Don signed off for the last
37 time, saying farewell to all who have trusted and grown with him
38 in South Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the Florida Senate does hereby recognize WPLG Channel
43 10 Chief Meteorologist Don Noe for his years of dedicated service
44 to South Florida.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
46 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Don Noe as a
47 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.