

By Senator Bullard

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring Dr. Bradford E. Brown, civil rights activist, trailblazer, and community leader.

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford E. Brown received his Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University, his Master of Science degree from Auburn University, and his Ph.D from Oklahoma State University, developing his research expertise in statistics and quantitative assessments of the effects of fishing on marine resources, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has worked extensively in an effort to increase the diversity of the fisheries profession, was awarded the mentorship award by the Equal Opportunity Section of the American Fisheries Society, and has received significant recognition for his work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities in expanding opportunities in marine science, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is currently under contract with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide technical assistance to the United Nations Development Program-World Bank Global Environmental Facility Large Marine Ecosystem projects in Africa and the Caribbean, and

WHEREAS, with a 43-year track record of civil rights activism, Dr. Brown served as Vice President of the New England State Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); served two terms as President of the Miami-Dade NAACP; and is currently the First Vice President of, and served on three different State Advisory Committees to, the United States Civil Rights Commission, chairing both the Massachusetts and Florida committees, and

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30 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is a past chair of the Miami-Dade  
31 Community Relations Board and currently co-chairs its Police-  
32 Community Working Group; was a Board member of the Metro Miami  
33 Action Plan Trust (MMA) and served as its Vice Chair; is a  
34 member of the Board of Directors for HOPE, Inc., Miami-Dade's  
35 fair housing organization; served on the Bi-Tri Committee,  
36 advising the Federal Judge on Dade School desegregation; and is  
37 now on the School Board committee on Diversity, Equity, and  
38 Excellence, and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is a member and Deacon of the Church of  
40 the Open Door in Liberty City, is a 23-year resident of the South  
41 Dade community, and is a member of the King of Clubs of Greater  
42 Miami, the oldest African-American based service club in Miami-  
43 Dade County, and

44 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown and his wife, Mable Brown, have one son,  
45 Jabari Brown, a graduate of Miami-Dade Public Schools and now a  
46 student at Tufts University, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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50 That the Florida Senate recognizes the achievements,  
51 dedication, and leadership of Dr. Bradford E. Brown in his  
52 scientific profession and as a civil rights activist,  
53 trailblazer, and community leader.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
55 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr. Bradford E.  
56 Brown as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
57 Senate.