

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending Representative Edward B. Bullard for his longstanding public service and many valuable contributions to this state.

WHEREAS, State of Florida Representative Edward B. Bullard was born on November 28, 1943, on the island of Nassau in the Bahamas to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril and Violet Bullard, and

WHEREAS, the Bullard family migrated in 1954 to historic Richmond Heights, Florida, a community that cultivated his interests and where he still resides, and

WHEREAS, during his early years Representative Bullard served as a paper boy and, as he delivered the paper daily, enjoyed talking to the community's elders and leaders, many of whom he continues to mingle and talk with today, and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Mays High School, Representative Bullard entered the United States Army in which he served until 1969 and then enrolled at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education and later earned a Master's of Science degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Nova University respectively, and

WHEREAS, he then returned to Richmond Heights as a probation and parole officer and later to teach in the Miami-Dade County public school system, where he was honored as the "Teacher of the Year," and served for approximately 34 years as a teacher and school administrator, fighting for educational initiatives and instructing many of the children and grandchildren of the community elders with whom he grew up and tossed papers to, and

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30 WHEREAS, in 1983 he married Larcenia Dunbar and has enjoyed  
31 25 years of marital bliss and is the proud father of Vincent,  
32 Deneen, Dwight, and Edwinalynn, accepting the title of Mr. Mom  
33 while his wife, then Representative Larcenia Bullard, served in  
34 the Florida House of Representatives, and

35 WHEREAS, wanting to make a difference in the state,  
36 Representative Bullard succeeded his wife's lead and ran for her  
37 vacated seat in the House of Representatives, and

38 WHEREAS, Representative Bullard served for 2 years until his  
39 wife was elected as State Senator for District 39, making them  
40 the first previously married couple to serve in the Florida  
41 Legislature at the same time, appear on the same ballot, and  
42 serve in the same legislature body for 3 consecutive years in the  
43 United States and possibly the world, and be honored by the  
44 Tallahassee Democrat on Valentine's Day in 2004 with a feature  
45 article titled "Two Houses One Home," and

46 WHEREAS, Representative Bullard is a proud member of the  
47 5000 Role Models of Excellence, American Legion Post 182,  
48 Collegian Club, Community Partnership for the Homeless,  
49 Democratic Power, Elks Lodge 1078, FAMU Alumni Association,  
50 Florida Association of Alternative School Educators, Friends of  
51 Florida Park System, Homestead-Florida City Democratic Club, King  
52 of Clubs, Miami-Dade County Democratic Club, and the NAACP; a  
53 past Keeper of Records of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; a  
54 life member of the Richmond Heights Crime Watch, Richmond Heights  
55 Homeowners Association, and American Federation of School  
56 Administrators; a past Vestry member of the Church of Ascension  
57 and Community Concert Association; and a past Board Member of the  
58 Zoological Society, and

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59 WHEREAS, after serving four consecutive terms,  
60 Representative Bullard will soon depart his office due to term  
61 limits, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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65 That this body commends Representative Bullard for his  
66 longstanding public service and appreciates his many valuable  
67 contributions to the residents of this state.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
69 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Representative  
70 Bullard as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
71 Senate.