

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Phillis Oeters for her leadership and service to the community in Miami-Dade County.

WHEREAS, Phillis Oeters came to Florida for the first time intending to sail and scuba dive before returning to her native Virginia, and

WHEREAS, upon her return to Virginia, Phillis Oeters discovered that she had "sand in her shoes," and ultimately, in 1981, made Miami-Dade County her home, and

WHEREAS, Phillis Oeters has continued to live out her commitment to community service, which began when she served as a "Big Sister" in college, volunteering with numerous service organizations and working as a social worker, and

WHEREAS, Phillis Oeters was recruited by Baptist Healthcare to help build its community relations department, and

WHEREAS, with the dynamic leadership of Phillis Oeters and her tireless advocacy for making quality, affordable health care available to all Floridians, Baptist Healthcare has grown to one of the area's largest employers, with more than 13,000 employees, and

WHEREAS, Phillis Oeters serves on numerous boards, including the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Beacon Council, the American Red Cross, United Way, and the Nat Moore Foundation, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Phillis Oeters became only the second woman in the 76-year history of the Orange Bowl to serve as chair of the Orange Bowl Committee and, in that capacity, led a

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30 \$100 million economic development initiative, and

31 WHEREAS, Phillis Oeters is equally committed to her role as
32 mother to her daughter, Raquel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 That Phillis Oeters is recognized for her outstanding
37 commitment to community service and economic development in
38 Miami-Dade County and for her service as chair of the 2009
39 Orange Bowl Committee.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
41 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Phillis Oeters
42 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.