

By Senator Dockery

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding leadership of Mike Bullock, director of the Florida Park Service, and wishing him all the best on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Mike Bullock will retire in 2010 as a 38-year veteran of Florida's award-winning state park system, and

WHEREAS, Mike Bullock has served as director of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Recreation and Parks, also known as the Florida Park Service, since July 2003, and previously served as the assistant director from 1996 to 2003, and

WHEREAS, Mike Bullock has diligently supported the mission of the Florida Park Service to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, and restoring natural and cultural resources, and

WHEREAS, Mike Bullock has helped the Florida Park Service achieve great recognition during his tenure, including the distinction of being the first and only two-time national Gold Medal winner for having the nation's best park system, an honor awarded by the National Recreation and Park Association, and

WHEREAS, Mike Bullock has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the residents of and visitors to Florida by maintaining Florida's 160 state parks, as well as exhibiting a consistent commitment to provide a secure and positive working environment for the more than 1,000 Florida Park Service staff members and more than 6,000 volunteers, and

WHEREAS, Mike Bullock serves as an advocate for nature-

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30 based recreation in Florida State Parks by participating in the
31 National Recreation and Park Association, the Florida Recreation
32 and Park Association, the National Association of State Park
33 Directors, the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation
34 Liaison Officers, and VISIT FLORIDA, as well as the Friends of
35 Florida State Parks, Inc., and the Florida Park Service Alumni
36 Association, and

37 WHEREAS, Mike Bullock was honored in 2008 by his alma
38 mater, the University of Florida, as a "Distinguished Alumnus"
39 of the university's Department of Landscape Architecture, and

40 WHEREAS, under Mike Bullock's leadership, Florida's state
41 parks contributed nearly \$5 billion to local economies
42 throughout the state, served nearly 128 million visitors, and
43 earned more than \$273 million in revenue, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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47 That the members of the Senate recognize the outstanding
48 achievements of Mike Bullock during his tenure as director of
49 the Florida Park Service and express appreciation on the part of
50 all Floridians for his leadership and vision.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
52 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mike Bullock as
53 a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.