

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding lifetime achievement of Marvin Dunn, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Marvin Dunn, is a native Floridian, born in DeLand and educated in Florida's public school system, and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Marvin Dunn, graduated early from Euclid High School in DeLand and subsequently moved with his family to Miami, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Morehouse College in Atlanta with a B.A. in psychology in 1961, Marvin Dunn served in the United States Navy on the aircraft carriers U.S.S. Kitty Hawk and U.S.S. Saratoga and as the commander of the 14th Battalion, U.S. Naval Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, while still on active duty, Marvin Dunn studied at Roosevelt University in Chicago and, in 1965, received an M.A. in education administration and supervision, and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Marvin Dunn earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and

WHEREAS, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., joined Florida International University in 1972 as an assistant professor of psychology and went on to found and serve as the director of the university's Cultural and Human Interaction Center, and

WHEREAS, from 1978 until 1980, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., served as associate vice president of University Outreach and Services at Florida International University, and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., founded the Academy for Community Education, an alternative high school in Miami,

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30 where he served as principal until 1993, and

31 WHEREAS, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., is a prolific writer,
32 authoring and co-authoring books, including *The Miami Riots of*
33 *1980: Crossing the Bounds*, which is considered the definitive
34 work on this historic event, and publishing countless articles
35 in the mainstream media and academic journals, and

36 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., has
37 worked for positive social change and social justice, and in
38 1989 was named "Educator of the Year" by the Florida Civil
39 Rights Commission, and

40 WHEREAS, in 1994, at the invitation of activists in South
41 Africa, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., represented the United States
42 Department of State as the keynote speaker at a conference
43 entitled "The Family in a Changing South Africa," conducting
44 workshops on conflict resolution and organizational development
45 and counseling victims of violence in Cape Town, Johannesburg,
46 and Durban, and

47 WHEREAS, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., served as the senior mentor
48 for the state of Florida as part of a national research project
49 sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation which studied the
50 effects of the welfare reform laws of 1996 on Florida's poor,
51 and

52 WHEREAS, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., has directed two documentary
53 films, "Black Seminoles in the Bahamas: The Red Bays Story" and
54 "Murder on the Suwannee River: The Willie James Howard Story,"
55 and is currently writing and directing a documentary film on the
56 Rosewood Massacre of 1923, and

57 WHEREAS, Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., is also founder of the
58 nonprofit organization, Roots in the City, which hires indigent

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59 persons to develop community gardens in Miami's inner-city
60 areas, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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64 That Marvin Dunn, Ph.D., is recognized for his outstanding
65 lifetime achievements and for his many contributions to
66 education and social justice.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
68 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Marvin Dunn,
69 Ph.D., as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
70 Senate.