

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and celebrating the historical and cultural ties between Miami-Dade County and the Bahamas and expressing appreciation to Consul General Gladys Johnson-Sands for her support of the June 5, 2010, "Li'l Bahamas All Tings Caribbean Village" in Coconut Grove.

WHEREAS, Bahamian immigrants cast 162 of the 367 votes that incorporated the City of Miami on July 28, 1896, and

WHEREAS, the descendents of these immigrant craftsmen, farmers, and fishermen have contributed much to South Florida's emergence as an international destination for hospitality and tourism, and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2010, the Bahamian consulate will host the first "Li'l Bahamas All Tings Caribbean Village" in Coconut Grove featuring the Junkanoo Jam, which will present the best of calypso, rake and scrape, junkanoo, and gospel, and

WHEREAS, the Li'l Bahamas All Tings Caribbean Village will include a Bahamian pavilion promoting sustainable tourism and hospitality, green living, the marine industry, travel, real estate, trade and commerce, finance and investment, and arts and crafts made by emerging and master artists from the Bahamas, and

WHEREAS, the Li'l Bahamas All Tings Caribbean Village is the brainchild of Consul General Gladys Johnson-Sands, who is dedicated to the realization of her vision for a new Afro-Bahamian Culture and Commerce Center for Economic, Family, and Community Development, which will include a cottage industry business incubator, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 That the members of the Senate recognize and celebrate the
34 historical and cultural ties between Miami-Dade County and the
35 Bahamas and express appreciation to Consul General Gladys
36 Johnson-Sands for her support of the June 5, 2010, "Li'l Bahamas
37 All Things Caribbean Village" in Coconut Grove.