

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending David A. White, Ed.D., for his career achievements and commitment to community in his hometown of Coconut Grove.

WHEREAS, David A. White was born in Coconut Grove on June 27, 1931, attended George W. Carver High School, and, in 1949, after his high school graduation, enlisted and served 2 years in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and

WHEREAS, after David A. White was discharged from the United States Air Force, he attended what was then known as Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, but, due to financial concerns, left college to enroll in a 1-year barbering program, and

WHEREAS, using his personal savings from barbering and proceeds from the G.I. Bill, David A. White was able to return to college, graduating from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University with a bachelor of science degree in 1955 and a master's degree in education in 1959, and

WHEREAS, in 1978, David A. White graduated from what was then known as Nova University with a doctor of education degree in educational leadership, and

WHEREAS, before his retirement in 1990, David A. White was employed with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 35 years as a classroom teacher, counselor, and administrator, and

WHEREAS, not only does David A. White have a passion for education, but he has a heart for community involvement, serving as president emeritus of the Village West Homeowners-Tenants

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30 Association in Coconut Grove and, for 20 years, as the  
31 coordinator and treasurer of the Coconut Grove Crisis Food  
32 Pantry, an organization that distributes food to needy area  
33 residents, and

34 WHEREAS, David A. White also served as the past commander  
35 and finance officer of American Legion, Post 182, where he is a  
36 life member, and is an active member of the Sigma Alpha Chapter  
37 of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and

38 WHEREAS, David A. White is committed to his church and the  
39 promotion of unity among churches, is an active member and past  
40 officer of Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove, is a former  
41 chairman and current member of the Ecumenical Council of Coconut  
42 Grove-Coral Gables, and is a former officer and current member  
43 of the Theodore R. Gibson Chapter of the Union of Black  
44 Episcopalians, and

45 WHEREAS, David A. White has been married to his beloved  
46 wife, Tessie, for 57 years, and, together, they raised four sons  
47 and one daughter and now enjoy their 12 grandchildren and two  
48 great-grandsons, and

49 WHEREAS, even though David A. White's physical mobility is  
50 currently limited, he has the mind and heart to continue his  
51 involvement in community and church activities and is a servant  
52 and leader in Coconut Grove, held in the highest regard and  
53 admired as a cherished member of the community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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57 That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends David A.  
58 White, Ed.D., for his outstanding career accomplishments in

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59 education in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and his  
60 leadership and commitment to his friends and neighbors in  
61 Coconut Grove.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
63 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to David A. White,  
64 Ed.D., as an expression of the esteem of the Florida Senate.