

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 14, 2014, as "Fathers in Education Day" in Florida and May 12-16, 2014, as "Fathers in Action and Advocacy Week" in Florida, and encouraging the support and participation of school districts, counties, and elected officials statewide in these landmark occasions.

WHEREAS, the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida was organized to facilitate the involvement of fathers and male role models in the lives of children, and

WHEREAS, Fathers in Education is a national movement aimed at increasing the involvement of fathers in their children's education and academic success, and

WHEREAS, there is strong evidence that children benefit academically, emotionally, and socially when their fathers and male role models take an interest in their learning, and

WHEREAS, the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida has embraced the Fathers in Education movement and is reaching out to fathers to encourage their participation in a first-of-its-kind statewide event during which public, charter, and private schools will invite fathers and male role models into the schools to actively participate in educational activities and programs with students, and

WHEREAS, our great state continues to investigate ways to improve opportunities for our children and invest in promoting fathers' involvement in education, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Fathers in Education movement is to identify ambassadors who will organize activities

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30 in the schools on an ongoing basis which will increase the
31 involvement of fathers in their children's education, both at
32 school and in the home, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 That we recognize May 14, 2014, as "Fathers in Education
37 Day" in Florida and May 12-16, 2014, as "Fathers in Action and
38 Advocacy Week" in Florida, and encourage the support and
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40 officials statewide in these landmark occasions.