

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 11, 2015, as "Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, children are this state's most precious resource and our promise for a bright future, and

WHEREAS, Florida's child welfare professionals are responsible for ensuring that our children live free from maltreatment; enjoy long-term, secure relationships within strong families and communities; and are physically and emotionally healthy and socially competent, and that families nurture, protect, and meet the needs of their children and ensure that children are well-integrated into their communities, and

WHEREAS, Florida's child welfare professionals build rapport and trust with families and those who know and support them; empower family members by identifying their strengths and the resources that are available to assist them; and demonstrate respect for each family in the context of its social network, community, and culture, and

WHEREAS, Florida's child welfare professionals form supportive partnerships with family members, relative caregivers, and foster and adoptive parents to achieve optimum communication, clear roles and responsibilities, and mutual accountability, while including parents and other caregivers in case decisionmaking, and

WHEREAS, Florida's child welfare professionals make invaluable contributions to the safety and quality of life of families and are sincerely dedicated to improving the lives of

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30 all children, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That May 11, 2015, is recognized as "Child Welfare

35 Professionals Recognition Day" in Florida.