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House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating October 12, 2015, as "Sir
3 Lancelot Jones Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, born in 1898 on a 22-foot boat in Biscayne Bay,
6 entrepreneur and farmer Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones prospered by
7 supplying the nation with Key limes and was an expert fishing
8 guide sought by five presidents, numerous senators, influential
9 industrialists, and other cultural icons eager to experience the
10 beauty of the Bay's wildlife, and

11 WHEREAS, Sir Lancelot Jones lived most of his 99 years on
12 the island of Porgy Key, which was first settled by his pioneer
13 father and Bahamian mother in 1897 in an area long associated
14 with African-American maritime history and is now on the
15 National Registry of Historic Places, and

16 WHEREAS, often referred to as "the Sage of Caesar Creek,"
17 Sir Lancelot Jones became an educator of schoolchildren and a
18 conservationist whose resolute values toward the preservation of
19 Biscayne Bay greatly contributed to the establishment of
20 Biscayne National Park, a park created to preserve and protect
21 area wildlife for the education, inspiration, recreation, and
22 enjoyment of present and future generations, and

23 WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park is home to a rare
24 combination of terrestrial, marine, and amphibious life in a
25 tropical setting of great natural beauty, which annually draws

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26 | an average of 500,000 visitors, contributes more than \$34
27 | million to the state's economy, and supports over 400 jobs, and

28 | WHEREAS, the invaluable efforts of Sir Lancelot Jones to
29 | preserve the land he loved and to ensure that future generations
30 | would delight in its beauty and abundance have resulted in
31 | significant economic, ecological, and cultural contributions to
32 | the state, its heritage, and its future, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 | Florida:

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37 | That October 12, 2015, is designated as "Sir Lancelot Jones
38 | Day" in the State of Florida.