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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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04/09/2015	.	
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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Soto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 683.095, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

683.095 Sir Lancelot Jones Day; Miami-Dade and Monroe
Counties.—The second Monday in October of each year is
designated as "Sir Lancelot Jones Day" in Miami-Dade and Monroe
Counties to commemorate the contributions of Sir Lancelot



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11 Garfield Jones in the preservation of Biscayne Bay and the
12 establishment of Biscayne National Park. Public officials,
13 schools, private organizations, and all citizens in Miami-Dade
14 and Monroe Counties are encouraged to honor the legacy of Sir
15 Lancelot Garfield Jones and his contributions to the state by
16 commemorating Sir Lancelot Jones Day on the second Monday in
17 October of each year.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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20 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 Delete everything before the enacting clause
23 and insert:

24 A bill to be entitled
25 An act relating to legal holidays and special
26 observances; creating s. 683.095, F.S.; designating
27 the second Monday in October of each year as "Sir
28 Lancelot Jones Day" in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties;
29 encouraging public officials, schools, private
30 organizations, and citizens in Miami-Dade and Monroe
31 Counties to commemorate the occasion; providing an
32 effective date.

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34 WHEREAS, born in 1898 on a 22-foot boat in Biscayne Bay,
35 entrepreneur and farmer Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones prospered by
36 supplying the nation with Key limes and was an expert fishing
37 guide sought by five presidents and numerous senators,
38 influential industrialists, and other cultural icons eager to
39 experience the beauty of the bay's wildlife, and



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40 WHEREAS, Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones lived most of his 99
41 years on the tiny island known as Porgy Key, near the southern
42 end of Biscayne Bay, which was first settled by his pioneer
43 father and Bahamian mother in 1897 in an area long associated
44 with African American maritime history and which is now on the
45 National Register of Historical Places, and

46 WHEREAS, given the adjacent ecosystems of southern Biscayne
47 Bay and the northern Florida Keys, the lifelong conservation and
48 education efforts of Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones are of
49 significant importance to Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, and

50 WHEREAS, often referred to as the "Sage of Caesar Creek,"
51 Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones became an educator of schoolchildren
52 and a conservationist whose resolute values toward the
53 preservation of Biscayne Bay greatly contributed to the
54 establishment of Biscayne National Park, which was created to
55 preserve and protect area wildlife for the education,
56 inspiration, recreation, and enjoyment of present and future
57 generations, and

58 WHEREAS, Biscayne National Park is home to a rare
59 combination of terrestrial, marine, and amphibious life in a
60 tropical and subtropical setting of great natural beauty, which
61 annually draws an average of 500,000 visitors, contributes more
62 than \$34 million to the state's economy, and supports 422 jobs,
63 and

64 WHEREAS, the invaluable efforts of Sir Lancelot Garfield
65 Jones to preserve the land he loved and to ensure that future
66 generations would delight in its beauty and abundance have
67 resulted in significant economic, ecological, and cultural
68 contributions to the state, its heritage, and its future, NOW,



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69 | THEREFORE,