

By Senator Soto

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing July 18, 2016, as "Puerto  
3 Rican Artisans and Fine Artists Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, as American citizens, Puerto Ricans have been part  
6 of this nation's workforce since 1898, have demonstrated  
7 outstanding military service, and make up 9.4 percent of the  
8 Latino population in the United States, the second largest  
9 Hispanic group nationwide, and

10 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census, there are 3.6  
11 million Puerto Ricans living in the United States, with more  
12 than 1 million residing in this state, and

13 WHEREAS, the Asociación Artesanos y Artísticas Plásticos  
14 Puertorriqueños de Florida is a nonprofit organization focused  
15 on the preservation of the Puerto Rican culture and heritage  
16 outside its homeland through the arts and the development of  
17 educational and outreach programs, and

18 WHEREAS, the Asociación Artesanos y Artísticas Plásticos  
19 Puertorriqueños de Florida recognizes and understands the global  
20 influence of Puerto Rican heritage and culture on society, and

21 WHEREAS, Puerto Ricans are well known for their creativity,  
22 which extends into music, dance, sports, literature,  
23 cinematography, science, fine art, craftwork, and the culinary  
24 arts, and they have made great cultural contributions worldwide,  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, as a bilingual country, Puerto Rico celebrates its  
27 multicultural heritage, rooted in Africa, Spain, and the  
28 Caribbean, and

29 WHEREAS, the Asociación Artesanos y Artísticas Plásticos

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30 Puertorriqueños de Florida is in a unique position to educate  
31 people from all ethnicities, ages, and life experiences about  
32 Puerto Rico's history and its contributions to the world, and  
33 about tolerance and cultural diversity, and

34 WHEREAS, the Asociación Artesanos y Artísticas Plásticos  
35 Puertorriqueños de Florida inspires all people to embrace their  
36 unique heritage and to contribute to the betterment of society  
37 wherever they live, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That July 18, 2016, is recognized as "Puerto Rican Artisans  
42 and Fine Artists Day" in Florida.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
44 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Asociación  
45 Artesanos y Artísticas Plásticos Puertorriqueños de Florida as a  
46 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.