

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 2017 as "Caribbean Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, from a region that conjures images of a scenic paradise, Caribbean Americans are as vibrant as the islands from which they come, possessing a wealth of talent and history that reverberates throughout this great state and nation, and

WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians, Caribbean Americans have made their mark in every facet of our society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of our state and nation, and

WHEREAS, counted among many famous sons and daughters of the Caribbean are civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois; United States Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; United States Secretary of State Colin Powell; United States Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; Oscar-nominated actress Cicely Tyson; Oscar-winning actor Sidney Poitier; author, poet, and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson; musician, actor, and social activist Harry Belafonte; Haitian Revolution General Henri Christophe; actor and author Louise Bennett-Coverley; and numerous others who have displayed great strength and resiliency while serving as pioneers among the people of the Caribbean, and

WHEREAS, the United States has thrived as a country of immigrants, united by common values and by the promise of a better tomorrow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31           That June 2017 is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage Month"  
32 in Florida and all communities and individuals throughout the  
33 state and nation are encouraged to honor their cultural and  
34 historical bonds and be reminded that America's greatness lies  
35 in its diversity.