

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Little Haiti Ecodistrict as it works to revitalize the re-emerging Little Haiti neighborhood.

WHEREAS, approximately 3.5 square miles in size, the culturally vibrant Little Haiti neighborhood within the City of Miami is nestled adjacent to the world-renowned Miami Design District and reflects the diversity of Miami's cultural heritage, and

WHEREAS, during the late 1970s and early 1980s, large numbers of Haitian immigrants settled in the area known as Little Haiti, creating a vibrant neighborhood, as was envisioned by its founding father, Viter Juste, and

WHEREAS, today, Little Haiti is home to approximately 30,000 residents, most of whom are of Afro-Caribbean and Haitian descent, and

WHEREAS, in May 2016, community stakeholders and Haitian Americans joined forces to fight to preserve the identity of the neighborhood, and the City of Miami voted to officially designate the area as Little Haiti, and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, the Little Haiti Ecodistrict was founded to further galvanize support for the preservation of the culture and resilience of the neighborhood, while developing synergies with Miami-Dade County's future transit-oriented development initiatives, and

WHEREAS, rooted in equity, resilience, and climate protection, the Little Haiti Ecodistrict will work toward the long-term socioeconomic and cultural vitality of Little Haiti

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30 and will serve as a model for future responsible neighborhood  
31 development, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 That the Little Haiti Ecodistrict is recognized as it works  
36 to revitalize the re-emerging Little Haiti neighborhood.