

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.