

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution designating October 13, 2014, as
"Lancelot Jones Day" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, Sir Lancelot Garfield Jones lived most of his 99
years on the island of Porgy Key, which was first settled by his
pioneer father and Bahamian mother in 1897 in an area long
associated with African-American maritime history and which is
now on the National Register of Historic Places, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the invaluable efforts of Sir Lancelot Garfield

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30 Jones to preserve the land he loved and to ensure that future
31 generations would delight in its beauty and abundance have
32 resulted in significant economic, ecological, and cultural
33 contributions to the state, its heritage, and its future, NOW,
34 THEREFORE,

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

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38 That October 13, 2014, is designated as "Lancelot Jones
39 Day" in Florida.