

Senate Resolution 931

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Dade County Public Library for being a finalist in *Library Journal's* 2016  
2 Best Small Library in America Contest; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the library has received a cash award of \$10,000.00 for their outstanding work  
4 as one of America's greatest small libraries; and

5 WHEREAS, the Dade County Public Library is a vital piece of the community and provides  
6 an array of services and resources to the people of Dade County; and

7 WHEREAS, the library serves as a test site for innovative library services such as  
8 ChromeBoxes and circulating Kindles, to the ambitious Prime Time Preschool pilot project;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Dade County Public Library extends its reaches beyond the library and has  
11 invested in outdoor improvements to bridge the area between the library and a local park,  
12 including an extended Wi-Fi network and an outdoor sound system; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2011 a tornado hit Dade County, resulting in budget cuts for the library in  
14 2013 and 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, the Dade County community rallied around the library to raise over \$50,000.00  
16 worth of donations to help the library remain open and continue to serve as a strong pillar of  
17 the community; and

18 WHEREAS, the employees and staff of the Dade County Public Library deliver exceptional  
19 service to the patrons of the library, while also fostering an environment for growth and  
20 development within the community.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 recognize the Dade County Public Library for being a finalist in *Library Journal's* 2016 Best  
23 Small Library in America Contest and being awarded a \$10,000.00 cash prize.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to branch manager  
26 Marshana Sharp at the Dade County Public Library.