

RESOLUTION HONORING THIRLEE SMITH

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's Task Force on African American History is an advocate for Florida's school districts, teacher education training centers, and the community at large, in implementing the teaching of the history of African peoples and the contributions of African Americans to society; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was formed in pursuant to the law which mandates the teaching of African and African American history throughout the 67 public school districts in the state of Florida [Florida Legislature F.S. 233.061 Sec. (1) (G) (1994) as amended by F.S. 1003.42 (g) (2002)]; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force works to ensure awareness of this mandate among educators, education leaders and the community at large; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the State of Florida's Task Force on African American History, on this fifteenth day of February, 2007, in the city of Miami, Florida, to honor our Brother, Thirlee Smith, for his many contributions to the work of the Task Force, and especially in launching and serving as Editor-in-Chief of *The Florida Drum*, the major communication organ of the Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this organization declares its desire to initiate an African American History Task Force Ancestor Honor Roll of Service, with our Brother, Thirlee Smith, serving as the first honoree; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as Thirlee takes his place beside Medger, Martin and Malcolm, members of the Task Force remain committed to continuing the "struggle" for bringing enlightenment, equality and justice to African Americans and others who have faced and overcome oppression throughout the world.

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