

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. _____

Honoring the life and legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Georgia Jones-Ayers.

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers was a lifelong resident and prominent community leader in South Florida;

Whereas effective relationships between communities and the police departments that serve those communities promote more effective policing and further the interests of justice;

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers worked tirelessly to promote dialogue and foster trust between the police and the community;

Whereas career criminals prey on their communities, destroy lives, and waste their God-given potential;

Whereas the prevention of recidivism, especially by first-time offenders, is an important goal of the criminal justice system, civil society, and faith communities;

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers founded and served as Executive Director of Alternative Programs, Inc., a nonprofit agency committed to preventing first-time offenders from reoffending;

Whereas Alternative Programs, Inc. has helped hundreds of first-time offenders become productive members of society;

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers retired in October 2013, after nearly 4 decades leading Alternative Programs;

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers engaged in many other efforts for the betterment of the community, including co-founding the Daily Bread Food Bank;

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers was honored by numerous organizations in Florida, including the Miami Police Department and the Florida Commission on Human Relations;

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers was the loving mother of 6 children, grandmother of 9 grandchildren, and great-grandmother of 20 great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Georgia Jones-Ayers passed away on February 17, 2015, at the age of 86: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and honors the life of Georgia
3 Jones-Ayers;

4 (2) recognizes—

5 (A) the lifelong commitment of Georgia
6 Jones-Ayers to bettering the lives of the people
7 of South Florida; and

1 (B) the landmark work of Georgia Jones-
2 Ayers in steering troubled young people away
3 from a life of crime;

4 (3) offers heartfelt condolences to the family,
5 friends, and loved ones of Georgia Jones-Ayers; and

6 (4) in memory of Georgia Jones-Ayers, calls on
7 the people of the United States to redouble their
8 commitment to their neighbors and their commu-
9 nities.