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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 16, 2011, as "Jimmy Buffett
3 Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Jimmy Buffett is a world-class entertainer known
6 for his support of charitable and environmental causes
7 throughout the world, and

8 WHEREAS, following his graduation from the University of
9 Southern Mississippi in 1969, Jimmy Buffett attempted to make
10 his mark on the Nashville music scene before moving to Key West,
11 where he gradually evolved into the easy-going inhabitant and
12 troubadour of the islands revered by millions of adoring fans,
13 whose music mixes country, folk, and coastal themes, and

14 WHEREAS, opening in 1985, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville
15 Store in Key West was the first of its kind, and since that
16 time, Margaritaville Cafés and Stores have expanded to more than
17 a dozen locations worldwide, with the Orlando Margaritaville
18 Café being one of the franchise's highest-grossing locations,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in 1981, Jimmy Buffett and Governor Bob Graham
21 founded the Save the Manatee Club, one of the world's leading
22 manatee preservation organizations, and

23 WHEREAS, in 1995, Jimmy Buffett used the proceeds from that
24 year's concert tour to fund the Singing for Change Charitable
25 Foundation, which provides grants to local charities that
26 support children and families, the environment, and
27 disenfranchised groups, and

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28 WHEREAS, on November 23, 2004, Jimmy Buffett raised \$3.4
29 million at his "Surviving the Storm" Hurricane Relief Concert in
30 Orlando to provide relief for hurricane victims in Florida,
31 Alabama, and the Caribbean, and

32 WHEREAS, on January 18, 2008, Jimmy Buffett performed a
33 concert in Hong Kong that raised \$63,000 for the Foreign
34 Correspondents' Club Charity Fund, and

35 WHEREAS, on July 11, 2010, Jimmy Buffett organized and
36 performed a concert for Gulf Coast residents to raise awareness
37 of the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and to support
38 the livelihood of the area, and

39 WHEREAS, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Beach Hotel,
40 located in Pensacola, opened in the summer of 2010 and employs
41 approximately 200 Floridians, and

42 WHEREAS, Jimmy Buffett is also an author and one of only
43 seven writers to have a number-one book on both the New York
44 Times Fiction and Non-Fiction Best Sellers lists, NOW,
45 THEREFORE,

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47 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
48 Florida:

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50 That April 16, 2011, is recognized as "Jimmy Buffett Day"
51 in Florida in appreciation of his charitable efforts, support of
52 the environment, and positive economic impact in the state.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
54 presented to Jimmy Buffett as a tangible token of the sentiments
55 expressed herein.