

By Representatives Wiles, Thrasher and Arnall

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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 16, 2000, as  
"St. Johns County Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1565, Don Pedro Menendez de  
Aviles founded St. Augustine, the oldest continuously occupied  
European settlement in the United States, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the site for Fort Mose,  
established by Spaniards and former African slaves in 1736,  
the first free black fort and settlement in North America, and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1821, St. Johns County, named for  
the St. Johns River, became one of Florida's first two  
counties by ordinance proclaimed by Major General Andrew  
Jackson, and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County encompasses 609 square miles,  
from the many miles of beautiful beaches to the scenic Bartram  
Trail Highway that runs along the St. Johns River, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes St. Johns County  
for its rich history and cultural diversity, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That March 16, 2000, be recognized as "St. Johns County  
Day."