

By Representatives Bronson and Bainter

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House Resolution

A resolution honoring the Florida cattle industry.

WHEREAS, cattle have been raised for food and profit in Florida since the Spanish settlements of the 1500's, and

WHEREAS, Florida is presently ranked third of all states east of Mississippi and twelfth in the nation in beef cattle produced, with over 1.1 million head in the year 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Florida cattle industry annually ships over 750,000 calves to 23 states and is a major supplier for the nation's beef production, and

WHEREAS, over 7 million acres of Florida land are in production for cattle grazing, supplying habitat for wildlife and providing vital water recharge areas, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranches have received national recognition for exhibiting excellence in environmental practices, including resource protection and preservation practices which protect habitat and allow threatened and endangered wildlife to thrive and prosper, and

WHEREAS, the Florida cattle industry has been represented by the Florida Cattlemen's Association since 1934 and today is composed of approximately 5,000 member families, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida House of Representatives declares March 15, 2000, as "Beef Day on the Hill," and honors and

1 applauds the rare men, women, and children of the Florida
2 cattle industry for their efforts and determination and their
3 commitment to our state, which has become an integral part of
4 Florida's heritage.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
6 be presented to the Florida Cattlemen's Association as a
7 tangible token of our respect and appreciation for a job well
8 done.

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