

By Representatives Jennings, McGriff and Kendrick

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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 13, 2002, as  
"Alachua County Day."

WHEREAS, Alachua County was founded in 1824 and  
originally stretched from the Georgia border to Tampa Bay, and  
WHEREAS, Alachua County now covers an expanse of more  
than 900 square miles and is situated in the heart of Florida,  
and

WHEREAS, Alachua County is home to the University of  
Florida, which traces its beginnings to the establishment of  
the East Florida Seminary in 1853, and the University of  
Florida is the only university in the state that is a member  
of the prestigious Association of American Universities, and

WHEREAS, Alachua County is home to the Institute of  
Food and Agricultural Sciences, which provides scientific  
knowledge and expertise to the public in all of the state's 67  
counties through the Florida Cooperative Extension Service,  
and

WHEREAS, Alachua County is home to the first and oldest  
public medical school in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Alachua County is home to Santa Fe Community  
College, founded in 1965, which awarded degrees and  
certificates to more than 2,000 students in the 2000-2001  
academic year, and

WHEREAS, Alachua County's natural resources, including  
such gems as Paynes Prairie, San Felasco Hammock, Newnan's  
Lake, and Watermelon Pond, provide year-round recreation and  
enjoyment for Florida's citizens and visitors alike, NOW,  
THEREFORE,

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

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4           That the Florida House of Representatives designates  
5 March 13, 2002, as "Alachua County Day."

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