

By Senators Dockery, Alexander and Lee

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 10, 2003, as
Polk County Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, Polk County encompasses 17 municipalities in
the heart of Central Florida across 2,010 square miles of land
dotted with more than 554 freshwater lakes and lush nature
preserves featuring rare and exotic wildlife, rolling hills,
sparkling rivers, beautiful savannas, and pinewood forests,
and

WHEREAS, Polk County's population is 502,000 persons
who reside in an area the size of the State of Delaware and is
a population center for the State of Florida, with more than
7.5 million people living within a 100-mile radius of our
inland community, and

WHEREAS, Polk County is known for its historic charm
and small-town atmosphere, blended with its largely
undiscovered and unspoiled natural surroundings, and

WHEREAS, the vacation destinations of Polk County are
visited by more than 1.5 million tourists annually and include
Cypress Gardens, Historic Bok Sanctuary, Hollis Gardens,
Fantasy of Flight, and the Frank Lloyd Wright architecture at
Florida Southern College, and

WHEREAS, Polk County's Lake Wales Ridge has the
distinction of being Florida's original beach-front property
and features more than 50 species of endangered, threatened,
rare, or special-concern wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Polk County, has been deemed the Largemouth
Bass Fishing Capital of the World for its wonderful fishing in
numerous undeveloped lakes as well as, Winter Haven's chain of
14 lakes connected by well-established canals, and

1 WHEREAS, Polk County is home to the Detroit Tigers and
2 the Cleveland Indians during spring training season, and

3 WHEREAS, Polk County is the center of citrus production
4 and phosphate mining for the world, and

5 WHEREAS, Polk County is the corporate headquarters for
6 Publix Super Markets, the largest private company in the
7 state, employing more than 125,000 persons, and is also home
8 to the W.S. Badcock Corporation, which has been located in
9 Mulberry since 1904, and

10 WHEREAS, Polk County has been home to some of the
11 state's leading Legislators and former Governor Lawton Chiles,
12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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14 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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16 That the Florida Senate recognizes April 10, 2003, as
17 Polk County Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

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