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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing March 13, 2003, as "St. Johns
3 County Day" in Tallahassee.

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

8 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the site for Fort Mose,
9 established by Spaniards and former African slaves in 1738, the
10 first free black fort and settlement in North America, and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is a popular tourist destination,
18 hosting more than 2 million visitors each year to the historic
19 City of St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach, and its other
20 communities, and

21 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is one of the nation's most
22 recognized golf destinations and is home to the World Golf Hall
23 of Fame, the PGA Tour's annual Players Championship, and the
24 Senior PGA Tour's Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, played at the
25 World Golf Village, and

26 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is also home to the Association
27 of Tennis Players Tour, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, and

28 WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical component of the economy
29 of St. Johns County, with its 149 farms on 49,631 agricultural
30 acres comprising more than 12.7 percent of all the lands in the



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31 county and producing more than \$46 million in revenue annually,
 32 and

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

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

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 39 That March 13, 2003, be recognized as "St. Johns County
 40 Day" in Tallahassee.