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House Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Polk County has been deemed the Largemouth Bass
28 Fishing Capital of the World for its wonderful fishing in
29 numerous undeveloped lakes, as well as Winter Haven's chain of
30 14 lakes connected by well-established canals, and



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

33 WHEREAS, Polk County is the center of citrus production and
 34 phosphate mining for the world, and

35 WHEREAS, Polk County is the corporate headquarters for
 36 Publix Super Markets, the largest private company in the state,
 37 employing more than 120,500 persons, and is also home to the
 38 W.S. Badcock Corporation, which has been located in Mulberry
 39 since 1904, and

40 WHEREAS, Polk County has been home to some of the state's
 41 leading Legislators and former Governor Lawton Chiles, NOW,
 42 THEREFORE,

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

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47 That the House of Representatives recognizes April 10,
 48 2003, as Polk County Legislative Day in Tallahassee.