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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 16, 2003, as "Warren S. Henderson Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Warren S. Henderson was born November 14, 1927, in Exeter, New Hampshire, and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Denison University before moving to Florida in 1955 and settling in Sarasota County, where he quickly became involved in civic affairs and public service, and

WHEREAS, Warren S. Henderson initiated his career in public service in 1956 as a member of the Sarasota Planning and Zoning Committee and served on a variety of boards and authorities from 1960 until 1963, when he was elected to the Florida Senate, and

WHEREAS, when reapportionment ended Senator Henderson's term in the Senate in 1966, he was elected to the House of Representatives for a year, after which he returned to the Senate as a prominent leader of the Republican party, serving with distinction in a myriad of leadership roles until 1984, and

WHEREAS, Senator Henderson has been an effective advocate for a variety of environmental issues, as evidenced by the passage of the Warren S. Henderson Wetlands Protection Act of 1984, and is a charter member of "1000 Friends of Florida," and

WHEREAS, for many years a member of the Board of Overseers of the University of Florida Health Service Center, Senator Henderson crafted a constellation of pro-child legislation and was the primary sponsor of legislation creating the Children's Medical Services Program, the primary state unit responsible for children with special health care needs, and

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WHEREAS, Senator Henderson has rendered many years of invaluable public service to the people of Sarasota County, to the people of the districts from which he was elected, and to the people of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives recognizes April 16, 2003, as "Warren S. Henderson Day" in the State of Florida.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Warren S. Henderson as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.