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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 21, 2004, as
Polk County Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, Polk County encompasses 17 municipalities in
the heart of Central Florida including Auburndale, Bartow,
Davenport, Dundee, Eagle Lake, Fort Meade, Frostproof, Haines
City, Highland Park, Hillcrest Heights, Lake Alfred, Lake
Hamilton, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Mulberry, Polk City, and
Winter Haven, and

WHEREAS, Polk County covers 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 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
Historic Bok Sanctuary, Hollis Gardens, Fantasy of Flight, the
Water Ski Hall of Fame, and the Frank Lloyd Wright
architecture at Florida Southern College, and

WHEREAS, Polk County has long been blessed by the State
of Florida's great interest in our community and economic
development, witnessed again recently by the state's
partnership with Polk County to save and restore the treasured
landmark Cypress Gardens so that all of our citizens and
tourists from throughout the world may enjoy its abundant
natural beauty, and

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

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

7 WHEREAS, Polk County is the center of citrus production
8 and phosphate mining for the world, and

9 WHEREAS, Polk County is the corporate headquarters for
10 Publix Super Markets, the largest private company in the
11 state, employing more than 125,000 persons, and is also home
12 to the W.S. Badcock Corporation, which has been located in
13 Mulberry since 1904, thus celebrating its 100th Anniversary
14 this year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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18 That the Florida Senate recognizes April 21, 2004, as
19 Polk County Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

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