By Senators Dockery and Fasano

15-2035A-04   See HR 9059

1   Senate Resolution No. _____

2   A resolution recognizing March 31, 2004, as

3   "Hernando County Day" in Tallahassee.

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5   WHEREAS, on February 27, 1843, the County of Hernando

6   was established and named after the Spanish explorer Hernando

7   DeSoto, and

8   WHEREAS, nestled in the central west coast of Florida

9   north of Tampa Bay, Hernando County was known to the Native

10   Americans as a Garden of Eden, and, with its vast rivers,

11   lakes, and streams, oyster beds, and inland forests, Hernando

12   County was truly a paradise, and

13   WHEREAS, as part of the 9-county Nature Coast, Hernando

14   County's mild temperatures are ideal for year-round outdoor

15   recreation where hunting, fishing, camping, paddling, birding,

16   and hiking are just a few of the numerous recreational

17   opportunities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and

18   WHEREAS, Hernando County's vast tracts of public land

19   have been preserved, including the Chassahowitzka National

20   Wildlife Refuge, the Chinsegut Hill National Wildlife Refuge,

21   the Withlacoochee State Forest, the Weeki Wachee Preserve, and

22   the PK Ranch, and

23   WHEREAS, construction, dairy and cattle production,

24   health care, manufacturing, tourism, electronics, forest

25   resources, and lime rock mining help to fuel the local

26   economy, and

27   WHEREAS, covering 478.3 square miles, the Hernando

28   County community's vision of growth includes the "Close to

29   Home, Room to Roam" philosophy for this transitioning

30   suburban-rural county, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3   That March 31, 2004, be recognized as "Hernando County

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