HR 9059 2004 1 House Resolution 2 A resolution recognizing March 31, 2004, as "Hernando County Day" in Tallahassee. 3 4 5 WHEREAS, on February 27, 1843, the County of Hernando was 6 established and named after the Spanish explorer Hernando 7 DeSoto, and WHEREAS, nestled in the central west coast of Florida north 8 9 of Tampa Bay, Hernando County was known to the Native Americans 10 as a Garden of Eden, and, with its vast rivers, lakes, and streams, oyster beds, and inland forests, Hernando County was 11 12 truly a paradise, and WHEREAS, as part of the 9-county Nature Coast, Hernando 13 14 County's mild temperatures are ideal for year-round outdoor 15 recreation where hunting, fishing, camping, paddling, birding, and hiking are just a few of the numerous recreational 16 17 opportunities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and WHEREAS, Hernando County's vast tracts of public land have 18 been preserved, including the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife 19 Refuge, the Chinsegut Hill National Wildlife Refuge, the 20 Withlacoochee State Forest, the Weeki Wachee Preserve, and the 21 22 PK Ranch, and WHEREAS, construction, dairy and cattle production, health 23 24 care, manufacturing, tourism, electronics, forest resources, and 25 lime rock mining help to fuel the local economy, and 26 WHEREAS, stretching 478.3 miles, the Hernando County 27 community's vision of growth includes the "Close to Home, Room 28 to Roam" philosophy for this transitioning suburban-rural 29 county, NOW, THEREFORE,

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HR 9059 2004 30 31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 32 Florida: 33 34 That March 31, 2004, be recognized as "Hernando County Day" 35 in Tallahassee.