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House Resolution

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 its 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 the state's citizens and tourists from throughout the world may enjoy its abundant natural beauty, and

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

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

36 WHEREAS, Polk County is the center of citrus production and
37 phosphate mining for the world, and

38 WHEREAS, Polk County is the corporate headquarters for
39 Publix Super Markets, the largest private company in the state,
40 employing more than 120,500 persons, and is also home to the
41 W.S. Badcock Corporation, which has been located in Mulberry
42 since 1904 and is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year,
43 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That the House of Representatives recognizes April 21,
49 2004, as "Polk County Legislative Day" in Tallahassee.