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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 14, 2005, as
"Hillsborough County Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County was organized as a county
in 1834 and is now comprised of some 1,050 square miles, with
a current population exceeding 1.1 million people, and

WHEREAS, the county is home to three municipalities,
including Plant City, chartered in 1885; Tampa, chartered in
1887; and Temple Terrace, chartered in 1925, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is a multicultural,
diverse community, a microcosm of the State of Florida
offering a breadth of available lifestyles, including a strong
urban core, a smaller group of Main Street municipalities, a
flourishing suburbia, community living for the active elderly,
and sufficient rural areas for those who choose more pastoral
or agrarian lifestyles, with the average price of housing
running at \$183,000, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is the western anchor of
the burgeoning I-4 corridor and is the state's epicenter of
business and commerce, creating over 25,000 jobs in 2004,
dropping its unemployment rate almost to the prerecession
level of 2.9 in early 2001, and projecting an increase in
effective buying income of 26 percent by 2009, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County has a wealth of cultural
facilities and programs, including Lowry Park Zoo, the Number
One Children's Zoo in America, with an estimated regional
economic impact of \$72 million, and the Tampa Bay Performing
Arts Center, which is one of the top 20 performing arts
centers in America on number of tickets sold in 2004 with an

1 | estimated regional economic impact in the region of \$93
2 | million, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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6 | That April 14, 2005, is recognized as "Hillsborough
7 | County Day" as the Senate celebrates the "Flavors of
8 | Hillsborough" at the State Capitol.

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