By Senator Dockery

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1	Senate Resolution No
2	A resolution recognizing April 21, 2005, as
3	"Polk County Legislative Day" in Tallahassee.
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5	WHEREAS, Polk County encompasses 17 municipalities in
6	the heart of Central Florida, including Auburndale, Davenport,
7	Dundee, Eagle Lake, Fort Meade, Lake Wales, Lakeland,
8	Mulberry, Polk City, and Winter Haven, and
9	WHEREAS, Polk County covers 2,010 square miles of land,
10	dotted with more than 554 freshwater lakes and lush nature
11	preserves featuring rare and exotic wildlife, rolling hills,
12	sparkling rivers, beautiful savannas, oak hammocks, and
13	pinewood forests, and
14	WHEREAS, the Seminole Indians settled in Polk County in
15	the 1700's seeking hunting grounds and cattle ranges, and
16	established the village of Talakchopco near modern-day Fort
17	Meade as a trading post, and
18	WHEREAS, Seminole Chief Oponay kept a magnificent
19	plantation near Lake Hancock, and
20	WHEREAS, Polk County, named for President James K.
21	Polk, was established in 1861 and later nicknamed "Imperial
22	Polk County" in 1914 by a newspaper editor in recognition of
23	the county's expanding network of roads and its prominence in
24	agriculture, phosphate, cattle, and timber, and
25	WHEREAS, Polk County was home to three of Florida's
26	most prominent statesmen, Park Trammel, Governor of Florida
27	from 1913 to 1917 and a United States Senator from 1917 to
28	1936; Spessard Holland, Governor from 1941 to 1945 and U.S.
29	Senator from 1946 to 1971; and Lawton Chiles, U.S. Senator
30	from 1971 to 1989 and Governor from 1991 to 1998, and
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WHEREAS, Polk County is a Florida Population center in
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   which 7.5 million people reside within a 100-mile radius, and
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           WHEREAS, the vacation destinations of Polk County are
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   visited by more than 1.5 million tourists annually and include
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   the Historic Bok Sanctuary, Cypress Gardens Adventure Park,
   Hollis Gardens, Fantasy of Flight, Sun'N Fun Fly In, the Water
    Ski Hall of Fame, and the Frank Lloyd Wright architecture at
   Florida Southern College, and
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           WHEREAS, Polk County is the center of citrus production
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    and phosphate mining for the world, and
           WHEREAS, Polk County is the corporate headquarters for
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   many of Florida's major corporations, including Publix Super
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   Markets, W.S. Badcock Corporation, Mosaic, and ButterKrust
   Bakeries, NOW, THEREFORE,
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   Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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           That the Florida Senate recognizes April 21, 2005, as
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    Polk County Legislative Day in Tallahassee.
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