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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 15, 2005, as "St. Johns
3 County Day" in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, on September 8, 1565, Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles
6 founded St. Augustine, the oldest continuously occupied European
7 settlement in the United States, and

8 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is the site for Fort Mose,
9 established by Spaniards and former African slaves in 1738, the
10 first free black fort and settlement in North America, and

11 WHEREAS, on July 21, 1821, St. Johns County, named for the
12 St. Johns River, became one of Florida's two counties by
13 ordinance proclaimed by Major General Andrew Jackson, and

14 WHEREAS, St. Johns County encompasses 609 square miles,
15 from the many miles of beautiful beaches to the scenic Bartram
16 Trail Highway that runs along the St. Johns River, and

17 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is a popular tourist destination,
18 hosting more than 2 million visitors each year to the historic
19 City of St. Augustine, to St. Augustine Beach, and to other
20 communities throughout the county, and

21 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is one of the nation's most
22 recognized golf destinations and is home to the World Golf Hall
23 of Fame; THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, which is an internationally
24 recognized golf event; and the national headquarters for the PGA
25 Tour, and

26 WHEREAS, St. Johns County is also home to the Association
27 of Tennis Players Tour, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, and

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28 WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical component of the economy
29 of St. Johns County, with its 204 farms on 37,653 agricultural
30 acres comprising more than 10 percent of all the lands in the
31 county and producing more than \$59 million in revenue annually,
32 and

33 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes St. Johns County for
34 its rich history and cultural diversity, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Florida:

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39 That March 15, 2005, be recognized as "St. Johns County
40 Day" in Tallahassee.