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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 14, 2005, as "Lowry Park  
3 Zoo Day" in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, the 2004 Legislature recognized Lowry Park Zoo as  
6 a state center for Florida species conservation and  
7 biodiversity, and

8 WHEREAS, Lowry Park Zoo, a nonprofit entity located in  
9 Hillsborough County, is the only licensed nonprofit manatee  
10 rehabilitation facility in the world, the only zoo where six  
11 endangered species - the Florida panther, the red wolf, the  
12 Florida manatee, the whooping crane, the Key Largo wood rat, and  
13 the Key deer - can be seen in one place, and hosts an inventory  
14 of 1,600 animals, and

15 WHEREAS, the zoo is Florida's best-attended nonprofit  
16 attraction and features a year-round education center popularly  
17 known as "The Zoo School," with early child care and preschool  
18 education, and

19 WHEREAS, "Child Magazine" recognized the school as the  
20 "Number One Zoo in the United States for Kids," a distinction  
21 based on strict criteria and data compiled after an extensive 5-  
22 month investigation of more than 150 institutions belonging to  
23 the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, and

24 WHEREAS, Lowry Park Zoo has an estimated annual economic  
25 impact of more than \$72 million with 80 percent of its annual  
26 \$12 million budget based on earned revenue, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
29 Florida:

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31 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes April  
32 14, 2005, as "Lowry Park Zoo Day" in Tallahassee in recognition  
33 of the outstanding work of the Lowry Park Zoo on behalf of the  
34 people of Florida in providing exhibits and education on species  
35 conservation and biodiversity, as the Legislature concurrently  
36 celebrates "Hillsborough County Day" at the State Capitol with  
37 the second annual "Flavors of Hillsborough" event.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
39 presented to Lowry Park Zoo as a tangible token of the  
40 sentiments expressed herein.