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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the signing of the Scottish Declaration of Independence on April 6, 1320, and designating April 6, 2005, as "Florida Tartan Day."

WHEREAS, the American Declaration of Independence was modeled after the Scottish Declaration of Arbroath, and almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, and

WHEREAS, Florida has a rich history of Scottish influence as reflected in the state's culture and in the names of many of its towns, cities, and counties, and

WHEREAS, no fewer than fourteen highland games and Celtic festivals are held each year throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, organizations in Florida that point to the influence and contributions of the Scottish people include the Scottish-American Societies, The St. Andrew's Societies, the Scottish-American Military Society, The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, and the New World Celts, and

WHEREAS, Florida was the home of such famous residents of Scottish descent as Thomas Edison, Ernest Hemingway, Henry Flagler, Andrew Carnegie, and Native American Osceola, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

HR 9071

2005

28           That the House of Representatives proudly recognizes the  
29 contributions made by the state's Scottish forebears and, in  
30 their honor, is pleased to designate April 6, 2005, as "Florida  
31 Tartan Day."

32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
33 presented to the New World Celts of Dunedin as a tangible token  
34 of the sentiments expressed herein.