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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 31, 2005, as "Hernando County Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, on February 27, 1843, the County of Hernando was established and named after the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto, and

WHEREAS, nestled in the central west coast of Florida north of Tampa Bay, Hernando County was known to the Native Americans as a Garden of Eden, and, with its vast rivers, lakes, and streams, oyster beds, and inland forests, Hernando County was truly a paradise, and

WHEREAS, as part of the nine-county Nature Coast, Hernando County boasts mild temperatures that are ideal for year-round outdoor recreation where hunting, fishing, camping, paddling, birding, and hiking are just a few of the numerous recreational opportunities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, Hernando County's vast tracts of public land have been preserved, including the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, the Chinsegut Hill National Wildlife Refuge, the Withlacoochee State Forest, the Weeki Wachee Preserve, and the PK Ranch, and

WHEREAS, construction, dairy and cattle production, health care, manufacturing, tourism, electronics, forest resources, and lime rock mining help to fuel the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the community's vision of growth for the 478.3 square miles that make up Hernando County includes the "Close to

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28 Home, Room to Roam" philosophy for this transitioning suburban-
29 rural county, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That March 31, 2005, is recognized as "Hernando County Day"
35 in Tallahassee.