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3 4 House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 14, 2005, as "Hillsborough County Day."

5 WHEREAS, Hillsborough County was organized as a county in 6 1834 and is now comprised of some 1,050 square miles with a 7 current population exceeding 1.1 million people, and

8 WHEREAS, the county is home to three municipalities: Plant 9 City, chartered in 1885; Tampa, chartered in 1887; and Temple 10 Terrace, chartered in 1925, and

11 WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is culturally diverse, a 12 microcosm of the State of Florida with a breadth of available 13 lifestyles, including a strong, urban core, smaller Main Street 14 municipalities, a flourishing suburbia, community living for the 15 active elderly, and rural areas for those who choose pastoral or 16 agrarian lifestyles, with an average 2004 housing cost of 17 \$183,000, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is the western anchor of the burgeoning I-4 corridor and is the state's epicenter of business and commerce, creating more than 21,000 jobs in 2004, dropping its unemployment rate to almost its pre-recession level of 2.9 percent in early 2001, and projecting an increase in effective buying income of 26 percent by 2009, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County has a wealth of cultural facilities and programs, including Lowry Park Zoo, the "Number One Zoo in the United States for Kids," with an estimated regional economic impact of \$72 million and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, listed among the top 20 performing arts

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29 centers in the United States based on the number of tickets sold 30 in 2004, with an estimated regional economic impact of \$93 31 million, NOW, THEREFORE,

- 33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of34 Florida:
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That April 14, 2005, is recognized as "Hillsborough County Day" as the Florida House of the Representatives celebrates the Flavors of Hillsborough" at the State Capitol.

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