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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 20, 2006, as "Lowry
3 Park Zoo Day" in Florida.

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

8 WHEREAS, Lowry Park Zoo, a participant in the Species
9 Survival Plan national breeding program managed by the American
10 Zoo and Aquarium Association, created a Safari Africa habitat
11 and brought five African elephants, including "Ellie," to the
12 zoo for safekeeping in 2003, and

13 WHEREAS, on October 17, 2005, Ellie gave birth to a 205-
14 pound male calf, which was the first African elephant born at
15 the zoo and which was named "Tamani," a Swahili word meaning "to
16 hope," a name proposed by Sarah Eicher's second grade class at
17 Frontier Elementary School in Clearwater and selected, through
18 online voting, from among the five suggested names that had been
19 ranked highest, and

20 WHEREAS, Lowry Park Zoo, the top-attended zoo in the
21 Southeastern United States in 2004, is a stellar example of an
22 exceptionally successful public-private partnership,
23 consistently maintaining an entrepreneurial and ever-
24 enthusiastic spirit while raising 80 percent of its annual
25 budget based on earned revenue, and

26 WHEREAS, in endeavoring to connect people with the living
27 earth and playing an active role in conservation and
28 environmental issues affecting animals and their habitats in

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29 | Florida and throughout the world, Lowry Park Zoo serves as a
30 | superb educational resource and an exciting attraction for its
31 | guests, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 | Florida:

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36 | That the House of Representatives salutes Lowry Park Zoo
37 | for its outstanding contributions to the State of Florida and
38 | designates April 20, 2006, as "Lowry Park Zoo Day" in Florida.

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