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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 29, 2006, as "Hernando County Day" in Tallahassee.

5 WHEREAS, established February 27, 1843, and named in honor 6 of Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto, Hernando County, bounded 7 on the west by the Gulf of Mexico and on the north by the 8 Chassahowitzka Swamp and the Withlacoochee State Forest, covers 9 approximately 477 square miles, stretching 37 miles from east to 10 west and 18 miles from north to south, and

11 WHEREAS, Hernando County, with a population of only 17,004 12 in 1970, was the third-fastest growing county in the nation 13 during the 1980's, averaging an annual growth of 5,665, and, 14 although that growth began to ebb during the early part of the 15 following decade, by the year 2000, the population had risen to 16 130,802, with a total of 156,600 projected by 2010, and

WHEREAS, for a brief time, the port town of Bayport served as the county seat, but in 1856, the more centrally located City of Brooksville was established as the seat of county government, and today Brooksville and Weeki Wachee are the two cities among Hernando County's unincorporated areas of Spring Hill, Ridge Manor, Ridge Manor West, Bayport, Aripeka, Lake Lindsey, and Hernando Beach, and

24 WHEREAS, Hernando County's major industries are limestone 25 mining, cement production, tourism, dairy and citrus products, 26 cattle production, forest resources, and construction, and its 27 growing manufacturing association base is centered in industrial 28 parks in and around the county's state-of-the-art airport, one

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of the largest non-urban airfields in Florida, and in industrialareas in the eastern part of the county, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives warmly welcomes the residents of Hernando County to their State Capital and designates March 29, 2006, as "Hernando County Day" in Tallahassee. 2006