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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 11, 2007, as
"Hillsborough County Day."

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County was once home to native peoples called the Tocogaga Indians who were followed by Spanish conquistadors, the English who held the area as part of its empire, the Seminole Indians, runaway slaves, settlers seeking farmland, and, ultimately, those today embarking on careers in business and industry, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County's "pioneer" era was roughly bracketed by Florida becoming a United States Territory in 1821 and the arrival of Henry B. Plant's railroad in 1884, the era ending when the railroad connected Tampa to the outside world, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County was created by the Florida Legislature in 1834 and covered an area of approximately 14,600 square miles - all or part of 24 present-day counties in an area larger than eight states at that time, and

WHEREAS, the discovery of phosphate and the development of the shipping and cigar industries brought immigrants from Cuba, Italy, Spain, Puerto Rico, and other areas around the world, and mechanization and industrialization rapidly followed, and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County now consists of 1,050 square miles with a population density of about 1,177 people per square mile. The county has the 8th largest public school district in the nation with 84.1 percent of its residents over the age of 25 holding high school diplomas and 27 percent holding a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and offers excellent postsecondary educational opportunities and other unmatched

1 amenities conducive to making Hillsborough County an
2 outstanding place to work productively and to raise a family
3 safely, NOW, THEREFORE,
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5 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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7 That April 11, 2007, is recognized as "Hillsborough
8 County Day" as the Senate celebrates "Flavors of Hillsborough"
9 at the State Capitol.
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