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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 7, 2007, as
"Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Centennial Day."

WHEREAS, the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse has played a significant economic and historic role in the settlement and development of South Florida and its counties for 100 years, and

WHEREAS, the lighthouse has stood through fierce hurricanes, protecting coastal shipping and guiding mariners past dangerous reefs long before the advent of sonar, LORAN, or GPS, and

WHEREAS, the lighthouse is now a tourist attraction where thousands of curious visitors, divers, fishers, and boaters come to photograph and explore the inlet, ocean, and reefs each year, and

WHEREAS, the lantern of the Hillsboro Lighthouse was first lit by the United States Lighthouse Establishment on March 7, 1907, and

WHEREAS, the "Big Diamond" shines farther out to sea than any other lighthouse in the world through its 9-foot Fresnel Lens, and

WHEREAS, this lighthouse represents the romantic spirit and sense of adventure of Floridians, and was chosen to represent the 30 existing lighthouses of Florida on the 37-cent postage stamp produced in 2003, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida to preserve, protect, and promote this 100-year-old treasure of our coastline, the historic Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Station, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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3 | That the Senate recognizes March 7, 2007, as "Hillsboro
4 | Inlet Lighthouse Centennial Day" in Florida.
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