

By Senator Bennett

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the month of May as  
"Early American History Month."

WHEREAS, descendants of patriots involved in the  
American Revolution formed a fraternal and civic society  
called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires to salute those men and  
women who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in  
the struggle for independence from Great Britain, and

WHEREAS, out the Sires grew the National Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), organized on April 30,  
1899--the 100th anniversary of the Inauguration of George  
Washington as our nation's first President, and

WHEREAS, nearly 165,000 descendants of the men and  
women patriots of the American Revolution have been admitted  
to SAR since its founding, and the society currently consists  
of 26,000 members in more than 500 chapters in the United  
States, Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, and the United  
Kingdom, and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the SAR established the Tom and Betty  
Lawrence American History Teacher Award to identify,  
recognize, and commend outstanding social studies teachers who  
teach children in a middle or high school setting and who  
actively address the history of the American Revolutionary  
Era, and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2007, the Saramana Chapter of  
the SAR presented this award to Mark Percy, Venice High  
School teacher, as the first recipient by this chapter and  
state, and

1           WHEREAS, May 2007 commemorates the establishment of the  
2 first permanent English settlement in America founded in  
3 Jamestown on May 14, 1607, NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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7           That May 2007 is recognized as "Early American History  
8 Month" in Florida, and all residents are urged to observe the  
9 month of May as such by celebrating the contributions made by  
10 the founders and patriots of the first 250 years of our  
11 nation.