

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Bullard offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 15 and 16 and insert:

5 commemorating January 6 as "Three Kings Day" and recognize that
6 many residents of the state celebrate the occasion as a time to
7 be with their family and friends, attend services, exchange
8 gifts, and celebrate their cultural heritage.

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11 Remove line 5 and insert:

12 commemorating the occasion; providing an effective date.

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14 WHEREAS, the Hispanic history of this state began in 1513
15 when Ponce de Leon arrived in the land he called La Pascua
16 Florida, and

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17 WHEREAS, this Hispanic history of the state was
18 strengthened when, in 1565, Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded San
19 Augustin, or St. Augustine, the first permanent European
20 settlement in what is now the United States, and

21 WHEREAS, Florida was a Spanish colony for almost 300 years,
22 except for a 20-year period between 1763 and 1783, until the
23 Adams-Onis Treaty ceded Florida to the United States in 1821,
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Hispanic people have remained in Florida since it
26 was a Spanish colony, and

27 WHEREAS, Hispanic food, traditions, and culture have
28 contributed greatly to the state in the past, and

29 WHEREAS, the Hispanic population of Florida has grown
30 substantially in recent history by immigration and, as a result,
31 the Hispanic population continues to influence the food,
32 traditions, and culture of Florida, and

33 WHEREAS, El Dia de los Reyes, or "Three Kings Day," is a
34 day that has not only religious meaning for many Hispanics but
35 is also a day that has deep cultural roots that encourage
36 extended families and friends to visit each other and enjoy each
37 other's company, to celebrate, and to exchange gifts, NOW,

38 THEREFORE,