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House Resolution

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

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

WHEREAS, the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse has stood through fierce hurricanes, protecting coastal shipping and guiding mariners past dangerous reefs before the advent of SONAR, LORAN, and GPS technologies, and

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

WHEREAS, the lantern of the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse, known as the "Big Diamond," was first lit by the United States Lighthouse Establishment on March 7, 1907, and shines farther out to sea than any other lighthouse lantern in the world through its 9-foot Fresnel lens, and

WHEREAS, by being chosen to represent the 30 existing lighthouses of Florida on the 37-cent postage stamp produced in 2003, the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse was recognized as a symbol of the romantic spirit and sense of adventure characteristic of many Floridians, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to preserve, protect, and promote this 100-year-old treasure of our

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28 | seashore, the historic Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse, NOW,
29 | THEREFORE,

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

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34 | That the House of Representatives designates March 7, 2007,
35 | as "Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse Centennial Day".