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1 House Resolution

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

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5 WHEREAS, Hillsborough County has been home to the Tocogaga
6 Indians, Spanish conquistadors, English colonists, Seminole
7 Indians, runaway slaves, settlers seeking farmland, and
8 ultimately those embarking on careers in business and industry,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Florida's designation as a United States territory
11 in 1821 marked the beginning of Hillsborough County's "pioneer"
12 era, a significant historical period that continued until the
13 arrival of Henry B. Plant's railroad in 1884, which connected
14 Tampa to the rest of the state, and

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

19 WHEREAS, the discovery of phosphate and the development of
20 the shipping and cigar industries brought immigrants from Cuba,
21 Italy, Spain, Puerto Rico, and other areas around the world with
22 mechanization and industrialization rapidly following, and

23 WHEREAS, Hillsborough County now consists of 1,050 square
24 miles with a population density of about 1,177 people per square
25 mile; is home to the 8th largest public school district in the
26 nation; has excelled in the area of education, with 84.1 percent
27 of its residents over the age of 25 having earned a high school
28 diploma and 27 percent having earned a bachelor's degree or

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29 | higher; and offers excellent postsecondary educational
30 | opportunities and other unmatched amenities conducive to making
31 | Hillsborough County an outstanding place to work and to raise
32 | family, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 | Florida:

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37 | That April 11, 2007, is recognized as "Hillsborough County
38 | Day" as the House of Representatives celebrates "Flavors of
39 | Hillsborough" at the State Capitol.