By Senator Evers

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1   Senate Resolution

2   A resolution recognizing Bay County on the occasion of

3   its centennial celebration.

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5   WHEREAS, Bay County was established on July 1, 1913,

6 following the signing of its charter on April 24, 1913, and

7   WHEREAS, Bay County is located in the heart of Florida's

8 Great Northwest, with 27 miles of sugar white sandy beaches

9 overlooking the beautiful, emerald-green waters of the Gulf of

10 Mexico, and

11   WHEREAS, with 270 square miles of water, Bay County's

12 pristine lakes, springs, streams, and the magnificent St.

13 Andrews Bay provide excellent fishing, water sports, and other

14 recreational activities, as well as one of the most ecologically

15 diverse areas in this great state, and

16   WHEREAS, with a total of 1,033 square miles, Bay County's

17 beautiful beaches and diverse inland areas attract 8 million

18 visitors from around the globe each year and also boast an

19 educated and enthusiastic workforce that creates a vibrant

20 business environment, and

21   WHEREAS, Bay County is composed of seven incorporated

22 municipalities, Callaway, Lynn Haven, Mexico Beach, Panama City,

23 which is the county seat, Panama City Beach, Parker, and

24 Springfield, and several unincorporated areas, and

25   WHEREAS, Bay County has experienced impressive growth in

26 population, from 11,407 in 1920 to about 170,000 in 2010, and

27   WHEREAS, Bay County contributes significantly to this

28 state's overall economic well-being, rich history, and cultural

29 diversity, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33   That we recognize Bay County's proud past and bright future

34 on the occasion of its centennial celebration and honor the

35 residents, community leaders, and elected officials of Bay

36 County as they celebrate its rich history along beautiful St.

37 Andrews Bay.

38   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

39 presented to the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

40 of Bay County as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed in

41 this resolution.