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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Bay County on the occasion of  
3 its centennial celebration.  
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5 WHEREAS, an act providing for the creation of Bay County  
6 was passed by the Legislature of the State of Florida during its  
7 regular session on April 24, 1913, and

8 WHEREAS, this act took effect and was in force on and after  
9 the first day of July, 1913, and

10 WHEREAS, Bay County is located in the heart of Florida's  
11 Great Northwest, overlooking the beautiful emerald green waters  
12 of the Gulf of Mexico with 41 miles of sugar-white sandy  
13 beaches, and

14 WHEREAS, with 270 square miles of water, Bay County's  
15 pristine lakes, springs, and streams, as well as the magnificent  
16 St. Andrews Bay, provide excellent fishing, water sports, and  
17 other activities and distinguish Bay County as one of the most  
18 ecologically diverse areas in the great State of Florida, and

19 WHEREAS, with a total of 1,033 square miles, Bay County's  
20 beautiful beaches and diverse inland areas attract millions of  
21 visitors from all over the world each year, and its educated and  
22 enthusiastic workforce creates a wonderful business environment  
23 for residents and visitors alike, and

24 WHEREAS, Bay County is composed of seven incorporated  
25 municipalities, including Panama City as the county seat, Lynn  
26 Haven, Springfield, Parker, Callaway, Panama City Beach, and  
27 Mexico Beach, and several unincorporated areas, and

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28 WHEREAS, Bay County has shown an impressive growth in  
 29 population, from 11,407 in 1920 to approximately 170,000 in  
 30 2010, and

31 WHEREAS, Bay County is an important part of the State of  
 32 Florida's economic well-being, rich history, and cultural  
 33 diversity, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That the Florida House of Representatives hereby recognizes  
 39 Bay County's proud past and bright future on the occasion of its  
 40 centennial celebration and honors the residents, community  
 41 leaders, and elected officials of Bay County for its 100 years  
 42 of distinctive history along beautiful St. Andrews Bay.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
 44 presented to the Board of County Commissioners, and to each  
 45 county constitutional officer, of Bay County as a tangible token  
 46 of the sentiments expressed herein.