

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 160th anniversary of Taylor County's creation as an independent county.

WHEREAS, Taylor County, which comprises a land area of 1,043 square miles in the Big Bend, was created as a county independent from Madison County in 1856, and

WHEREAS, Taylor County is named for United States President Zachary Taylor, who, after the Second Seminole War, received the brevet of brigadier general and, in 1838, the chief command in Florida, and

WHEREAS, a number of prominent Floridians hailed from Taylor County, including former Governor Cary Hardee; the first state librarian, William Thomas "W.T." Cash; the first chancellor of the State University System, J. Broward Culpepper; and the first state auditor, Ollie Williams, and

WHEREAS, Taylor County was the site of Florida's first full-time county health unit, and

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, Taylor County has been home to the annual Florida Forest Festival and in 1965 was designated by then-Governor Haydon Burns as "Tree Capital of the South," and

WHEREAS, Perry, the only incorporated city in Taylor County and the county seat, is a family-friendly community with a historic downtown lined with the shops of local merchants, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the 160th anniversary of Taylor County's creation as an independent county is recognized.