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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of
3 Marion County and recognizing March 25, 2019, as
4 "Marion County Day" in Florida.
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6 WHEREAS, when the United States Government acquired Florida
7 in 1821, scouts were sent to survey the peninsula and in 1825,
8 the government created the Seminole Agency to oversee the
9 Seminole Nation in what would become Marion County, and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Army established a military
11 outpost to protect the northern boundary of the Seminole Indian
12 reservation and in 1827, erected a site called Fort King, and

13 WHEREAS, as a result of the Armed Occupation Act of 1842,
14 which offered free land if certain conditions were met, pioneers
15 migrated to present-day Marion County, and

16 WHEREAS, between 1842 and 1844, Marion County was still a
17 part of Alachua, Mosquito, now known as Orange, and Hillsborough
18 Counties and the closest county seat was in Alachua County, a
19 difficult 50 miles from Fort King, and so early settlers wanted
20 a new county, and

21 WHEREAS, Gabriel L. Priest, Sr., the first State Senator
22 from Marion County, represented Alachua County when he
23 introduced a bill to create the new county, and

24 WHEREAS, the territorial legislative council authorized the
25 formation of Marion County and Richard Keith Call, the third

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26 territorial Governor, signed the law on March 25, 1844, and

27 WHEREAS, Marion County has grown substantially and now
28 boasts significant economic development and the title of Horse
29 Capital of the World, and

30 WHEREAS, the people and natural landmarks of Marion County
31 have contributed greatly to the history of the State of Florida,
32 and

33 WHEREAS, March 25, 2019, marks the 175th anniversary of
34 Marion County's creation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That March 25, 2019, is designated as "Marion County Day"
40 in Florida, and that all Marion County citizens, past and
41 present, are thanked for their significant contributions to the
42 state.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
44 presented to Marion County as a tangible token of the sentiments
45 expressed herein.