

HR 8059

2019

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the 200th anniversary of the
3 signing of the Adams-Onís Treaty ceding Florida to the
4 United States and designating February 22, 2019, as
5 Florida Treaty Day.

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7 WHEREAS, on February 22, 1819, during the reign of King
8 Ferdinand VII, the Secretary of State of the United States, John
9 Quincy Adams, under President James Monroe, and the Minister for
10 Spain, Luis de Onís y González-Vara, signed a treaty that ceded
11 Florida to the United States, which was immediately ratified by
12 the United States Senate but delayed by the government of Spain,
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Adams-Onís Treaty of 1819, also known as the
15 Transcontinental Treaty or the Florida Treaty; established the
16 boundary of U.S. territory and claims through the Rocky
17 Mountains and west to the Pacific Ocean, in exchange for the
18 United States paying American residents' claims against the
19 Spanish government up to a total of \$5,000,000, relinquishing
20 the United States claims on parts of Spanish Texas west of the
21 Sabine River and other Spanish areas, under the terms of the
22 Louisiana Purchase, and

23 WHEREAS, the Adams-Onís Treaty was ratified by Spain on
24 October 24, 1820, and a second time by the United States Senate

25 | on February 19, 1821, before being finally proclaimed on
 26 | February 22, 1821, and

27 | WHEREAS, on July 17, 1821, in Pensacola, United States
 28 | Commissioner and Governor of East and West Florida, Andrew
 29 | Jackson received Florida from Spanish authorities on behalf of
 30 | the American government fulfilling the treaty, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 33 | Florida:

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 35 | That February 22, 2019, be known as Florida Treaty Day in
 36 | the State of Florida in honor of the 200th anniversary of the
 37 | signing of the Adams-Onís Treaty ceding Florida to the United
 38 | States.