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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing July 21, 2021, as the 200th
3 anniversary of St. Johns County.

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5 WHEREAS, St. Johns County, one of the two oldest counties
6 in the state, was founded on July 21, 1821, 24 years before
7 Florida became a state, and

8 WHEREAS, St. Johns County and Escambia County were created
9 on the same day, encompassing all of the Florida territory, and
10 the historic boundaries of St. Johns County once included all
11 areas east of the Suwanee River, including over half of the
12 present counties in Florida, and

13 WHEREAS, located on the historic First Coast, St. Johns
14 County is the proud home of the city of St. Augustine, founded
15 in 1565 by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés as the nation's oldest
16 continuously occupied European settlement in the continental
17 United States, and is blessed to have a rich and varied history
18 spanning centuries of Indigenous, Spanish, British, Menorcan,
19 African, and other cultural influences, and

20 WHEREAS, St. Johns County, located between the majestic St.
21 Johns River and 42 miles of beautiful beaches and coastline
22 along the Atlantic Ocean, boasts numerous historic sites,
23 national monuments, a vibrant agricultural industry, and
24 abundant natural amenities and resources, and

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25 WHEREAS, for 200 years, St. Johns County has been a place
26 where families establish their roots and where residents and
27 visitors alike can share memories and enjoy a high quality of
28 life, diverse arts and cultural opportunities, and unparalleled
29 historic experiences, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 That July 21, 2021, is recognized as the 200th anniversary
35 of St. Johns County.