

By Senator Simon

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial and envisioning the powerful next chapter of Florida's Capital community.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial presents the capital of the third-most populous state in the country an opportunity to reflect and celebrate 200 years of remarkable achievements by citizens with drive, determination, and ambition, and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and the surrounding region have a rich human history dating back 15,000 years, with present-day Tallahassee being the site of the Indigenous Apalachee capital of Anhaica, and

WHEREAS, Florida became a U.S. territory in 1821, according to terms of the Adams-Onis Treaty between the United States of America and Spain, and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee was chosen to be the seat of government and Florida's capital for this newly formed territory on March 4, 1824, because of its scenic beauty and enchanting cascade, for the agricultural quality of its rich soils, and because of its strategic geographic position halfway between the historic ports of St. Augustine and Pensacola, and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of Leon County were drawn to encompass the newly designated capital, and the county was established by the Territorial Legislature that same year on December 29, 1824, and

WHEREAS, Florida would later be admitted as the twenty-seventh state in the United States in 1845, with the City of

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30 Tallahassee as its capital, and

31 WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County community has produced  
32 world-renowned authors, artists, and leaders in arts, politics,  
33 mathematics, science, civil rights, and sports, and

34 WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County are home  
35 to three world-class higher education institutions, Florida  
36 State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
37 University, and Tallahassee Community College, which  
38 collectively serve approximately 70,000 students each year, and

39 WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial  
40 Commemoration is an opportunity to recognize the impact and  
41 contributions of the rich history, natural beauty, ambition, and  
42 diversity that the City of Tallahassee and Leon County have had  
43 and continue to have on this state, the nation, and the world,  
44 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That the Florida Senate recognizes and extends greetings  
49 and best wishes to all observing the important milestone of the  
50 Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial and envisions the powerful  
51 next chapter of the community.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, with  
53 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Mayor of  
54 Tallahassee and the Chair of the Leon County Board of County  
55 Commissioners as a tangible token of the sentiments of the  
56 Florida Senate.