

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the Tallahassee-Leon County
 3 Bicentennial and envisioning the powerful next chapter
 4 of Florida's Capital community.
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6 WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial presents
 7 the capital of the third-most populous state in the country an
 8 opportunity to reflect and celebrate 200 years of remarkable
 9 achievements by citizens with drive, determination, and
 10 ambition, and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the boundaries of Leon County were drawn to
 25 encompass the newly designated capital, and the county was

26 | established by the Territorial Legislature that same year on
 27 | December 29, 1824, and

28 | WHEREAS, Florida would later be admitted as the twenty-
 29 | seventh state in the United States in 1845, with the City of
 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 Florida House of Representatives of the
 47 | State of Florida:

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 49 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes and
 50 | extends greetings and best wishes to all observing the important

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51 | milestone of the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial and
52 | envisions the powerful next chapter of the community.

53 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be
54 | presented to the Mayor of Tallahassee and the Chair of the Leon
55 | County Board of County Commissioners as a tangible token of the
56 | sentiments of the Florida House of Representatives.