

By Senator Clemens

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 3, 2013, as "Lake Worth Centennial Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth saw its first settlers, Samuel and Fannie James, an African-American couple and former slaves, arrive on the shores of the Lake Worth Lagoon in 1883, and the couple made a claim for their land under the Homestead Act in 1883 and received a receipt for their claim on February 1, 1887, and

WHEREAS, the municipality that took its name from the Lake Worth Lagoon was incorporated as the "Town of Lake Worth" in June 1913, and

WHEREAS, the first wooden automobile traffic bridge over Lake Worth was completed in 1919, and the first casino and municipal beach complex was completed shortly thereafter, and

WHEREAS, the 1920s also saw the completion of the Gulf Stream Hotel, now on the National Register of Historic Places; the Oakley Theatre, which opened on the site of the current Lake Worth Playhouse; the Lake Worth Casino; a saltwater swimming pool; and the Lake Worth Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, in the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration built a striking, Moorish-style city gymnasium on the corner of Lake Avenue and Dixie Highway, which today serves as City Hall, and

WHEREAS, in 1954 the Lake Worth Pier, one of the longest municipal piers on Florida's Atlantic coast, was opened to the public, while the Tom G. Smith Municipal Power Plant began operations in 1961, and

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30 WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth is today one of the most
31 culturally diverse municipalities in this state, boasting
32 residents from every walk of life and more than 50 different
33 nationalities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That we recognize May 3, 2013, as "Lake Worth Centennial
38 Day" in Florida.