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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the 175th anniversary of
3 Florida's admission into the union of the United
4 States of America and designating March 3, 2020, as
5 "State of Florida Day" in Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, on July 17, 1821, in Pensacola, United States
8 Commissioner and Governor of East and West Florida, Andrew
9 Jackson, received Florida from Spanish authorities on behalf of
10 the American government fulfilling the Adams-Onís Treaty of
11 1819, and

12 WHEREAS, in April of 1838, an election authorized by the
13 territorial legislature was conducted in which a majority of
14 Floridians voted in favor of statehood, and

15 WHEREAS, on February 11, 1845, David Levy Yulee, from St.
16 Augustine, Territory of Florida delegate, presented to Congress
17 "resolutions of the legislature of the territory of Florida,
18 instructing their delegate to urge upon this house the admission
19 of Florida and Iowa into the union of states", and

20 WHEREAS, on February 13, 1845, the bill to admit Florida
21 and Iowa into the Union was passed by the United States House of
22 Representatives by a vote of 145 yeas to 46 nays, and

23 WHEREAS, on March 1, 1845, the United States Senate, by a
24 vote of 36 yeas to 9 nays, passed the bill and sent it to the
25 President, and

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26 WHEREAS, on March 3, 1845, the bill was signed into law by
27 President John Tyler on the last day of the 28th Congress, as
28 well as the last day of his Presidency, and Florida became the
29 27th state to join the United States of America, and

30 WHEREAS, on March 18, 1845, Florida's last territorial
31 governor, John Branch, issued a proclamation for the election of
32 state officers and the organization of a state government, NOW,
33 THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 Florida:

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38 That March 3, 2020, is designated as "State of Florida Day"
39 in honor of the 175th anniversary of Florida's admission into
40 the union of the United States of America.