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H. RES. 564

Congratulating Palm Beach County, Florida, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROONEY (for himself, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Palm Beach County, Florida, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Whereas Palm Beach County, Florida, was incorporated on July 1, 1909;

Whereas when it was first established, Palm Beach County covered areas that now include Broward, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties;

Whereas Palm Beach County is the largest of Florida's 67 counties with its third largest population of 1,300,000 people;

Whereas with an estimated \$1,040,000,000 in total annual agricultural sales, Palm Beach County continues to lead all counties east of the Mississippi River in total agricultural sales;

Whereas Palm Beach County leads the Nation in the production of sugar and fresh sweet winter corn and is also Florida's leading producer of rice, bell peppers, lettuce, radishes, Chinese vegetables, specialty leaf, and celery;

Whereas Palm Beach County is often referred to as the "Golf Capitol of the World" with more than 150 public and private golf courses;

Whereas Palm Beach County is the vacation destination for millions of travelers every year bringing billions of dollars into the local economy;

Whereas Palm Beach County is home to the Professional Golfers' Association of America and the Annual PGA tour event "The Honda Classic", which has raised millions of dollars for charities such as the Nicklaus Children's Healthcare Foundation and the First Tee National School Program;

Whereas it is the spring training home to the Florida Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals, who train at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, and continues through the summers with the Class A Florida State League;

Whereas saltwater and freshwater fishing enthusiasts alike enjoy some of the best fishing opportunities in North America in Palm Beach County;

Whereas it is the home to the National Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame, and is the winter home of horse enthusiasts from around the world;

Whereas the historic Glades communities continue to make important contributions to the region's agriculture and tourism industry, and whose citizens are valued members of the Palm Beach County Community;

Whereas Palm Beach County is home to historic buildings such as the Jupiter lighthouse, The Breakers hotel, and the home of Henry Flagler;

Whereas Palm Beach County is home to the Palm Beach Post which also celebrates its 100th birthday this year;

Whereas Palm Beach County is home to “Sunfest” an annual Music and Arts festival;

Whereas Palm Beach County is home to the annual “South Florida Fair” which attracts nearly 500,000 people every year;

Whereas Palm Beach County is the home of “Lion Country Safari”, the first “cageless zoo” in the United States and named the third best zoo in the Nation by USA Travel Guide;

Whereas every spring, Palm Beach County is host to the Barrett-Jackson Auction Company’s “World’s Greatest Collector Car Events”;

Whereas the Loxahatchee River, Florida’s only “National Wild and Scenic River”, runs through Palm Beach County;

Whereas Henry Flagler’s house, Whitehall, was completed in 1902 and is known as Florida’s first museum;

Whereas after its construction, the New York Herald wrote that Whitehall was “more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world”;

Whereas every year, the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center hosts the Winter Equestrian Festival, the largest equestrian sporting event in the world; and

Whereas in 2008, the Palm Beach International Airport was voted “Best Customer Service Small Airport” by Airport Revenue New; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
2 (1) congratulates Palm Beach County, Florida,
3 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and
4 (2) recognizes the residents of Palm Beach
5 County for their contributions to the continued suc-
6 cess and growth of Palm Beach County.

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