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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 14, 2012, as "Golf  
3 Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the golf industry has become an integral part of  
6 the economy, identity, and quality of life of this state, and

7 WHEREAS, as a significant component of Florida's economy,  
8 the golf industry in 2007 contributed \$7.5 billion in direct  
9 economic impact and \$13.8 billion in indirect economic impact  
10 and employed 167,000 Floridians with an annual payroll of \$4.7  
11 billion, and

12 WHEREAS, Florida is home to the PGA Tour in Ponte Vedra  
13 Beach, the LPGA in Daytona Beach, and the PGA of America in Palm  
14 Beach Gardens as well as the First Tee, the World Golf Hall of  
15 Fame, and the World Golf Foundation in St. Augustine, and

16 WHEREAS, over 1,200 public and private golf course  
17 facilities, more than any other state in the nation, are located  
18 in Florida and generate \$3.4 billion annually, comparable to all  
19 other spectator sports in the state combined, and

20 WHEREAS, Florida will host 15 professional golf  
21 championships in 2012, including six PGA Tour events, three  
22 Champions Tour events, two Nationwide Tour events, and one LPGA  
23 Tour event, and the state also hosts the prestigious Players  
24 Championship at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach and the World  
25 Gold Championship-Cadillac Championship at the Blue Monster  
26 Course of the Doral Golf Resorts & Spa in Doral, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida's golf industry contributes over \$312  
28 million annually to various charitable organizations, including

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29 Miami Children's Hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the  
30 Children's Miracle Network hospitals, the Nicklaus Children's  
31 Health Care Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, the American Red  
32 Cross, the Alzheimer's Support Network, Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
33 of Southwest Florida, and many others, and

34 WHEREAS, Florida's golf courses and superintendents display  
35 great environmental stewardship by using best practices in  
36 hazardous waste management, wetland and stormwater protection,  
37 and wastewater minimization, and

38 WHEREAS, golf also benefits Florida's youth by teaching  
39 life skills such as managing emotions, goal setting, family and  
40 community relationship skills, and conflict resolution, and

41 WHEREAS, a tremendous asset to Florida, golf increases  
42 citizens' quality of life, promotes tourism within the state,  
43 and provides economic benefits, charitable contributions, health  
44 benefits, and an increased sense of community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
47 Florida:

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49 That February 14, 2012, is recognized as "Golf Day" in the  
50 State of Florida.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
52 presented to affiliated organizations of the World Golf  
53 Foundation as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
54 herein.