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H. RES. 532

Commemorating the 200th birthday of Escambia County, one of two original counties in Florida.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2021

Mr. GAETZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 200th birthday of Escambia County,
one of two original counties in Florida.

Whereas Escambia County is celebrating its 200th birthday and has an expansive and rich history to be commemorated;

Whereas Escambia County was first inhabited by Spanish settlers 450 years ago, making it the oldest European settlement in the United States;

Whereas Escambia County was the first of two counties established on July 21, 1821, after Spain ceded Florida to the United States;

Whereas Escambia County was originally populated by American Indian Tribes, including the Hackshaw Indian Tribe which was originally located on Pensacola Bay;

Whereas Spanish explorers established four colonies in Pensacola Bay which were either destroyed by invaders or hurricanes that ravaged the settlements before the final colony of San Miguel de Panzacola was established in modern, downtown Pensacola;

Whereas after Spain ceded Florida to the United States, Governor Andrew Jackson established a government that enabled Escambia County to prosper and play a vital role in the fabric of American cultural elements through its newspapers, circuses, and health care; and

Whereas Escambia County has commemorated this history with a five-month-long educational celebration and time capsule that will memorialize the heritage of Escambia and act as a memorial to its current historical era: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
- 2 memorates the 200th birthday of Escambia County.

