



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, Schroeder-Manatee Ranch is the developer of Lakewood Ranch which has more than 18,000 residents in nine villages, 900 businesses, five golf courses, numerous houses of worship, schools and colleges, a hospital and a well-known polo club; and

WHEREAS, Schroeder-Manatee Farms owns more than 1,200 acres of citrus groves and has consistently been recognized as the area's leading producer of quality fruit and is a pioneer in the field of agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, SMR's Premier Sports Campus has become the home to a number of regional sports tournaments attracting athletes, coaches and spectators from around the state and it has become a multi-million dollar economic driver in the area.

WHEREAS, Rex Jensen has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch since 2005, and has helped establish Lakewood Ranch as a community that represents smart growth and green building; and

WHEREAS, under Rex Jensen's leadership, Lakewood Ranch has become one of the fastest growing master-planned communities in the country and it was the largest green-certified community in the United States as of 2009; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods built within Lakewood Ranch were among the first to be constructed under the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan and have become a model for smart growth in the region; and

WHEREAS, Rex Jensen and SMR have demonstrated how the development industry can work with local government to create an attractive and successful master-planned community that meets the needs of the residents, visitors and businesses that come here.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that February 12, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

Schroeder-Manatee Ranch Day

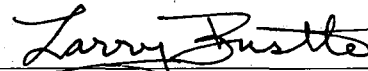
in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 12th day of February, 2013.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**


By:


Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

R. B. "Chips" Shore
Clerk of Circuit Court

By:


Deputy Clerk