If they meet their expected goal of 10,450 trees planted in an hour tomorrow, Hillsborough County Public Schools will set a world record. The previous record of 4,100 trees planted worldwide in one hour on Earth Day was set in 2005.

"I am honored to be a part of this event and look forward to contributing to this effort to raise awareness about the environmental challenges facing our planet in the 21st century,â€ said Bilirakis. â€œI applaud Hillsborough County Public School students, faculty and staff for their leadership and ambition. They are setting an example during the 11th-hour of Earth Day this year to demonstrate that it is never too late to positively affect the global environment in which we all live.â€

Congressman Bilirakis will join in the main event to be held tomorrow, April 22, 2008, at Hillsborough High School on 5000 Central Avenue in Tampa, Fla. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., each of the Hillsborough County's 275 public schools will simultaneously join in the planting effort, with each school expected to plant 38 Longleaf Pine seedlings.