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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Olustee.

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WHEREAS, the Battle of Olustee was the largest land battle fought in Florida during the Civil War, involving approximately 11,000 infantry, cavalry, and artillery in a pine forest near Ocean Pond, Florida, with a roughly equal number of both Confederate and Union troops, and

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WHEREAS, many soldiers from Florida fought in defense of their homes and families, and all Confederate and Union soldiers fought for causes they believed to be right, and

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WHEREAS, the battle ended with 2,807 casualties and aided in preventing the escalation of major hostilities within the interior portions of Florida, and

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WHEREAS, February 20, 2014, marked the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Olustee, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the sacrifices of those who fought in the Battle of Olustee are recognized and the efforts of all who participated in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Olustee are commended.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented for display at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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