

1 WHEREAS, FIU's 73,000 alumni have assumed prominent
2 positions in virtually every field in the public and private
3 sectors and are making significant contributions in their
4 communities, particularly in South Florida where more than 70
5 percent reside, and

6 WHEREAS, FIU now has an economic impact of more than \$1
7 billion on the South Florida economy and is the major supplier
8 of university-trained employees for the region, awarding
9 nearly 6,000 baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees
10 annually, and

11 WHEREAS, FIU has emerged as one of the most outstanding
12 and dynamic young urban universities in the country and is
13 enhancing the quality of life enjoyed by citizens throughout
14 our state and the nation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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19 That the House of Representatives congratulates Florida
20 International University on the occasion of its 25th
21 anniversary and proclaims September 16, 1997, as Florida
22 International University Day.