House Resolution

A resolution honoring Chipola Junior College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College has provided educational opportunities to the residents of Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington Counties since 1947, and

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College has been known as an innovator since 1947 when the Department of Education coined the term "The Chipola Index," an index of the effect that a community college in a geographic area will have on the number of students from that area who go to college, and

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College, from its founding, has had two features that were unusual in a junior college, residence halls and free school bus transportation, and

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College's legendary coach Milton Johnson (now retired), is known as the "winningest" coach in Florida community college basketball and has brought national acclaim to Chipola Junior College and to the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College is the college of choice for many Florida Undergraduate Scholars and has also achieved outstanding success with under-prepared students, and

WHEREAS, data from the Department of Education, the Division of Community Colleges, and the State University System prove that by every available measure of success, Chipola Junior College graduates excel, and

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College students have a high rate of success on the statewide College Level Academic Skills Test and perform far above the state average on most licensure examinations, and

WHEREAS, Chipola Junior College is the alma mater of former House Members Leonard Hall, John Angus McDonald, Sam Mitchell, Herb Morgan, and Robert Trammell, and current House Members Debbie Horan and Jamey Westbrook, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That Chipola Junior College be commended for its many outstanding accomplishments and congratulated on the occasion of its Golden Anniversary. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Chipola Junior College as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.