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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Florida A&M University on
being named "College of the Year."

WHEREAS, on August 25, 1997, Florida A&M University was
named the first "College of the Year" by Time Magazine and the
Princeton Review, and

WHEREAS, the university was chosen for the honor by a
team of educators and education experts over other major
universities throughout the nation such as Depaul University,
the University of Iowa, UCLA, Trinity College, DePauw
University, and the University of California system, and

WHEREAS, the university's choice as College of the Year
and Florida A&M University's academic rise to prominence is
the culmination of 13 years of untiring effort on the part of
Florida A&M University President, Frederick Humphries, and

WHEREAS, among the significant changes which have taken
place at Florida A&M University is its increase in total
enrollment, from 3,200 in 1985 to in excess of 10,000 today,
and its increase in the number of graduates, from 463 in 1991
to 1,524 in 1996, surpassing Howard University as the nation's
top producer of black baccalaureates, and

WHEREAS, the average combined SAT score of freshmen at
Florida A&M University has increased from 700 to 1036 in the
same period, and

WHEREAS, last year Florida A&M University was one of
the top ten schools receiving pharmacy research grants, and

WHEREAS, this year Florida A&M University received a \$3
million grant, the largest in the university's history, from
the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and

1 WHEREAS, these are all stellar achievements for the
2 110-year old land grant university that once was the only
3 public institution of higher learning that African Americans
4 could attend, and

5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Florida House
6 of Representatives recognizes Florida A&M University for the
7 honor which has been bestowed upon the university and the
8 level of academic excellence it has attained, NOW, THEREFORE,
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10 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
11 Florida:

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13 That the House of Representatives of the State of
14 Florida hereby honors Florida A&M University on being named
15 the first "College of the Year" by Time Magazine and the
16 Princeton Review, and commends the university, its faculty,
17 and staff on the high level of academic achievement which has
18 led to this honor.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
20 be presented to Dr. Frederick Humphries as a tangible token of
21 the sentiments expressed herein.
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