By Representatives Lawson, Eggelletion, Roberts, Bush, A. Greene, Turnbull, Boyd, L. Miller, C. Smith, Hill and Kilmer

House Resolution 1 A resolution designating April 6, 2000, as 2 3 "F.A.M.U. Day" in Tallahassee. 4 5 WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University was founded in 1887 as a state normal school and is in its 6 7 113th year as the oldest coeducational institution of higher 8 education in Florida's state university system, and 9 WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University held its first commencement exercises in 1892, with five 10 11 graduates, in the historic Munro's Opera House, which was located on the northeast corner of Adams and Jefferson Streets 12 13 in Tallahassee, and WHEREAS, in 1998, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical 14 University was designated as a comprehensive/doctoral 15 16 institution by the Board of Regents, giving F.A.M.U. the authority to plan additional doctoral programs in the 17 sciences, engineering, and technology areas, in which 18 19 minorities are severely underrepresented, and 20 WHEREAS, in 1997 F.A.M.U. was the nation's largest 21 producer of African-American graduates at the bachelor degree 22 level, and WHEREAS, F.A.M.U. led the nation in the recruitment of 23 National Achievement Scholars in 1992, 1995, and 1997, and 24 WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 25 was named the "1997 College of the Year" by TIME Magazine and 26 27 The Princeton Review, and 28 WHEREAS, today F.A.M.U.'s twelve schools and colleges 29 provide a comprehensive approach to teaching, research, and 30 community service by offering undergraduate and graduate

degrees in approximately 176 fields, and

WHEREAS, for five consecutive years, F.A.M.U.'s College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has led the southeast in competition for National Institutes of Health funding for research, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's role as a monument of pride and accomplishment, and as a tribute to African-American achievements, it is fitting and appropriate that the House of Representatives of the State of Florida designate April 6, 2000, as F.A.M.U. Day in Tallahassee, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida hereby designates April 6, 2000, as "F.A.M.U. Day" in Tallahassee, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's 113 years as an outstanding institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.