

By Representative Pruitt

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Indian River Community College.

WHEREAS, during the 40 years since its inception in 1960, Indian River Community College has evolved from a fledgling institution housed in a single building in Fort Pierce to become the dominant educational, technical, and cultural center of the Treasure Coast, serving more than 45,000 residents each year, and

WHEREAS, two years after Indian River Junior College opened its doors, its president, Dr. Maxwell King, proudly presided over the first graduating class of 28 local men and women; the following year, the college moved to its present Fort Pierce site on an 87-acre tract donated by the city; and, following the 1965 merger with Lincoln Junior College, three years later became Indian River Community College, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herman Heise, the second president of the college, oversaw the growth of programs in academics, vocational training, student affairs, fine arts, and athletics and, in 1974, the swimming and diving team embarked on what has become the longest intercollegiate winning streak in any sport in the entire nation, and

WHEREAS, between 1976 and 1987, in order to accommodate the burgeoning growth of the institution, five additional campuses were added: Mueller in Vero Beach, Chastain in Stuart, Dixon-Hendry in Okeechobee, and Indian River Academy and the Strelsa Schreiber Classroom Building, paving the way for the 1992 opening, under the leadership of third president Dr. Edwin Massey, of the St. Lucie West Campus and, in 1995, the St. Lucie West Joint-Use Library, and

1 WHEREAS, in keeping with its statewide and national
2 reputation of excellence, Indian River Community College now
3 offers distance learning through its "virtual campus" and,
4 upon completion of current construction on the IRCC/FAU Joint
5 Campus in St. Lucie West, will afford an unparalleled
6 opportunity to residents of the Treasure Coast who wish to
7 earn four-year degrees, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the House of Representatives gratefully recognizes
13 the positive impact Indian River Community College has made on
14 the Treasure Coast area and the State of Florida and extends
15 its heartiest best wishes for its future endeavors.