

By Representatives Richardson, Kendrick, Meadows, Ausley, Bendross-Mindingall, Cusack, Joyner, Smith, Peterman, Siplin, Holloway, Bullard, Lee, Brutus and Jennings

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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

WHEREAS, Frederick Stephen Humphries was born in Apalachicola, Florida, in 1935 to parents who inspired in him and his three siblings a diligence in carrying out their responsibilities and a drive to achieve excellence in education, and

WHEREAS, one of nine graduates of his high school class of 1953, Dr. Humphries credits the example of his high school mathematics and science teacher with instilling in him the importance of "excellence with caring," a concept that has exemplified his leadership style during his tenure as the eighth president of Florida A & M University (FAMU) and indeed throughout his career, and

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in chemistry from FAMU and a doctoral degree in physical chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Humphries demonstrated early in his career that his efficient and highly astute management skills destined that he become an outstanding leader in higher education, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his commitment to teaching, research, and the demanding administrative responsibilities of his distinguished career, Dr. Humphries has become totally involved in the life of the communities in which he has served and has made significant contributions to both education and society in general through his membership and leadership roles in numerous local, state, and national boards, committees, and commissions, and limited space precludes a listing of the

1 honors and awards which have recognized the invaluable
2 contributions of this outstanding leader, and
3 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dr. Frederick S.
4 Humphries has amassed a list of incredible achievements,
5 though certainly none more appreciated than the remarkable
6 work he has done at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
7 University, which he has established as one of America's
8 premier institutions of higher learning, the nation's leading
9 producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees, the
10 leader in the recruitment of National Achievement Scholars,
11 and one of the fastest growing universities in the country,
12 and to which has been added, through his tenacity and
13 determination, the new College of Law with an anticipated
14 opening in the fall of 2002, 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 pauses in its
20 deliberations to honor Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, President
21 of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, upon his
22 impending retirement on June 30, 2001, and to acknowledge and
23 express its sincerest gratitude for the remarkable
24 accomplishments of his impressive career.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
26 be presented to Dr. Frederick S. Humphries as a tangible token
27 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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