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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution proclaiming March 6, 2002, as
3 "University of Florida Day."

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5 WHEREAS, the University of Florida, the most
6 comprehensive university in the state and one of the three
7 most academically diverse in the nation, was the first Florida
8 institution to achieve university status and, with more than
9 46,000 students, is the state's largest university, as well as
10 being one of the top five in North America, and

11 WHEREAS, the University of Florida has awarded more
12 than 300,000 degrees, has more National Merit Scholars than
13 any other institution in the state, ranking among the top four
14 public universities in the nation in attracting these
15 scholars, and, in its latest assessments, U.S. News & World
16 Report listed 17 of its graduate and undergraduate programs
17 among the top 10 in the nation, and

18 WHEREAS, the University of Florida has earned
19 increasing prominence among nationally recognized research
20 universities since its admission nearly two decades ago to the
21 prestigious Association of American Universities, the only
22 Florida institution so affiliated, has been awarded \$379
23 million in funding for sponsored research, and its researchers
24 are integral participants in the international search for a
25 cure for cancer, the effort to unlock the mysteries of the
26 brain, the designing of the world's next generation of
27 microelectronics, and the building of bridges of understanding
28 among peoples of the world, and

29 WHEREAS, the University of Florida, with more than
30 150,000 alumni living in Florida, is the state's oldest
31 land-grant university, is the only university with extension

1 programs in every county in the state plus the Seminole Tribe,
2 has a total annual economic impact of almost \$3.2 billion,
3 more than six times the state investment of \$511 million, and
4 its faculty and staff have recently shattered its initial 2001
5 Community Campaign goal by contributing more than \$822,737 to
6 local charities, and

7 WHEREAS, the University of Florida is widely recognized
8 for its Health Science Center, the most comprehensive academic
9 health center in the Southeast, maintains, through its
10 Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, an active
11 people-directed program network reaching 2.7 million group
12 participants and engaging over 58,000 volunteers in urban
13 horticulture, youth and family development, nutrition
14 education, and natural resource enhancement throughout the
15 state, is home to one of Florida's splendid cultural centers,
16 and the northeastern area of its campus is listed in the
17 National Register of Historic Places, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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22 That the House of Representatives proclaims March 6,
23 2002, as "University of Florida Day" in recognition of the
24 university's academic achievements, outstanding private
25 support, and invaluable service to the state.

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