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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Bethune-Cookman College.

WHEREAS, Bethune-Cookman College was founded on October 3, 1904, with "five girls, \$1.50, and faith in God" by Mary McLeod Bethune, and

WHEREAS, through the power of God and the tenacity of Mary McLeod Bethune, the college grew from an elementary school, then to a high school, and finally to a college for African Americans, and

WHEREAS, with a current college enrollment in excess of 2,600 students, Bethune-Cookman College ranks as the sixth largest in student population out of the 39 United Negro College Fund institutions, and

WHEREAS, the alumni of Bethune-Cookman College exceed 10,000 members, and

WHEREAS, home of the Fighting Wildcats, on November 23, 2002, Bethune-Cookman College witnessed its spirited football team score an impressive 37-10 win over Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, marking the 50th anniversary of the school's first-ever victory over the FAMU Rattlers in 1952, and earning the 2002 MEAC championship title, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives recognizes the tenacious spirit that has pervaded Bethune-Cookman College since its inception more than 98 years ago, congratulates this fine institution, including the Fighting Wildcats of its 2002



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31 championship football team, and acknowledges that anything is
32 possible with "five girls, \$1.50, and faith in God."