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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing April 15, 2003, as
3 "University of Florida Day" in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, the University of Florida, Florida's largest and
6 oldest land-grant institution, a leading institution of higher
7 learning in the state, and the only Florida university honored
8 by membership in the prestigious Association of American
9 Universities, is celebrating its 150th anniversary during 2003,
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11 WHEREAS, the university, Florida's largest, ranks third in
12 the nation of all AAU universities in bachelor's degrees awarded
13 to both African-American and Latino students and enrolls more
14 than 47 thousand students from all of Florida's 67 counties, all
15 50 states, and more than 100 countries, making it the fourth
16 largest campus in the country and one of cultural and
17 intellectual diversity, while also significantly extending the
18 ideals of the American and Florida higher education system
19 worldwide, and

20 WHEREAS, the university ranks first among all public
21 universities in the number of National Achievement Scholars
22 enrolled in the fall 2002 freshman class and second in enrolling
23 National Merit Scholars in that same class, and its outstanding
24 freshman-to-sophomore retention rate of 93 percent underlines
25 the outstanding quality of its entire academic experience,
26 including several top-20-ranked academic programs, personal
27 academic and career advising, and sophisticated online programs
28 that provide self-tracking of academic progress, and

29 WHEREAS, a center of distinguished colleges and highly
30 advanced liberal arts and sciences programs, the university has



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31 | been classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a top "Research
32 | Extensive" institution, and its fine faculty, staff, and student
33 | body have accomplished world-class results in numerous areas of
34 | healthcare research, including dentistry, disease-combatting
35 | genes, and a vaccine designed to defeat the spread of feline
36 | immunodeficiency virus; in food and agricultural sciences, where
37 | a product has been developed to more effectively reduce termite
38 | devastation; in physical sciences, where a challenge is being
39 | dared to develop the next-generation near-space transport
40 | system; and in engineering, where efforts are being made to
41 | apply computerized strategies to designing newer and safer
42 | structures such as bridges and piers, and

43 | WHEREAS, the University of Florida consistently excels in
44 | its student athletics programs, creating exceptional
45 | opportunities for young men and women to experience the joy and
46 | rugged self-discipline of student athleticism, with results that
47 | rank the school's overall intercollegiate sports programs as one
48 | of the top five in the country, NOW, THEREFORE,

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50 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
51 | Florida:

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53 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the singular
54 | contributions made by the University of Florida to the state, to
55 | the nation, and throughout the world since its inception 150
56 | years ago and enthusiastically recognizes April 15, 2003, as
57 | "University of Florida Day" in Tallahassee.

58 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
59 | presented to Dr. Charles E. Young, President of the University
60 | of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed



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herein.

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