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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 10, 2004, as "Stetson University Day."

WHEREAS, established in 1883 as Florida's first private university, Stetson University is a comprehensive university comprised of four strong colleges and schools in four Florida locations--DeLand, Celebration, Tampa, and Gulfport--and offers study-abroad programs at eight foreign centers, and

WHEREAS, Stetson offers more than 60 majors and minors through its College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration, and School of Music located on its historic campus in DeLand, and its College of Law, the state's first law school, has educated attorneys for more than a century and is ranked number one in the nation for trial advocacy, and

WHEREAS, Stetson's duPont-Ball Library houses the state's first federal document depository, established in 1887; its college-level Model Senate program is the first such program established in the state and is a prototype for the nation; and it was the first private university in the state to integrate, the first in the state to have a building certified as a green building under the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System, and is now the first law school in Florida to share space with a working court, the Florida Second District Court of Appeal, and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of Stetson University's undergraduates are Florida residents, seven of its alumni are serving as members of the Legislature, and its students represent 37

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30 foreign nations, and

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32 WHEREAS, the university's 195 full-time faculty members on
 33 the DeLand campus are committed to blending superior teaching
 34 with scholarly research, and its University Values Council was
 35 created in 1998 to integrate values into the learning process,
 36 focusing on the areas of religious and spiritual life, ethical
 37 decisionmaking, diversity, gender equity, environmental
 38 responsibility, community service, and wellness, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That the House of Representatives warmly welcomes members
 44 of this prestigious university to the Capitol and hereby
 45 designates March 10, 2004, as "Stetson University Day."

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 47 presented to Stetson University President H. Douglas Lee as a
 48 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.