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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 15, 2004, as "University of
3 Florida Day" in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, the University of Florida, the state's only
6 university honored by membership in the prestigious Association
7 of American Universities, has recently completed its
8 sesquicentennial celebration and now, led by its new president,
9 Dr. J. Bernard Machen, looks forward to even greater
10 achievements in teaching, research, and service, and

11 WHEREAS, in 2003, the university ranked first among all
12 universities in landing International Baccalaureate students and
13 was first among all public universities in the number of
14 National Achievement Scholars enrolled and second for National
15 Merit Scholar enrollees, and

16 WHEREAS, one of the five largest in the nation, with
17 students from all 67 Florida counties, the university was
18 awarded a record \$458 million in research and training grants in
19 academic year 2002-2003, earned a Top-5 ranking by Kiplinger
20 Magazine, and is one of the most diverse in the number of
21 academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the university's Institute of Food and
24 Agricultural Sciences provides extension services to each
25 Florida county, its health-related research and clinics serve
26 Floridians each day, and its faculty, staff, and students
27 contribute donations and charitable services to the local
28 community, and

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29 WHEREAS, a national Top-Ten student-athletic program for
 30 the past 20 years, the top-ranked varsity program for both men
 31 and women consistently produces exceptional student athletes,
 32 placing a record 193 student-athletes on the Southeastern
 33 Conference Academic Honor Roll in 2002-2003, and

34 WHEREAS, Florida graduates have left indelible, positive
 35 marks on society, as exemplified by Heisman Trophy and Draddy
 36 Award winner and honors graduate Danny Wuerffel, whose efforts
 37 off the playing field are as notable as they were on, especially
 38 in his work with underprivileged youth, 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 designates April 15,
 44 2004, as "University of Florida Day" in Tallahassee in
 45 recognition of the university's contributions to the state,
 46 nation, and world.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 48 presented to Dr. J. Bernard Machen, President of the University
 49 of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
 50 herein.