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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 23, 2005, as "FAMU Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the oldest coeducational land-grant institution of higher learning in the State University System, and

WHEREAS, founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, FAMU is a four-year, historically black university offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs to qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups, and

WHEREAS, consisting of 13 colleges and schools and two institutes, FAMU offers undergraduate and graduate programs designed to meet the needs of a diverse population of students, awarding baccalaureate degrees in 63 disciplines; master's degrees in 36 disciplines; in cooperation with the University of Florida, the doctor of philosophy degree in 11 disciplines; and two professional degrees in law and pharmacy, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is the top producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees, the top producer of black educators, and one of the top recruiters of National Merit Scholars in the country; and its College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is first in the southeast and third nationwide in National Institutes of Health funding, and

WHEREAS, since 1991, FAMU has five times won the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team Championships; its Women's

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29 Volleyball Team earned the 2004 MEAC Championship and was ranked  
30 25th in the nation for Division 1; and four of its players were  
31 named to the All-Mid Eastern Atlantic Conference All-Star first  
32 team and four were named to the MEAC All-Team Tournament, and

33 WHEREAS, typifying the excellence of FAMU's programs, the  
34 university's renowned "Marching 100" performed before a rapt  
35 audience of more than 79,000 excited fans during the pre-game  
36 show of Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
42 University's contributions as an outstanding institution of  
43 higher education, March 23, 2005, is enthusiastically designated  
44 as "FAMU Day" in Tallahassee.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
46 presented to Dr. Castell Vaughn Bryant, interim president of  
47 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible  
48 token of the sentiments expressed herein.