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House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating April 5, 2006, as "The University
3 of Florida Day" in Tallahassee.

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5 WHEREAS, the University of Florida, a member of the
6 prestigious American Association of Universities and one of the
7 20 top-rated public universities in the nation, is home to some
8 of the country's top faculty members; has over 50 eminent
9 scholar chairs; and attracts some of the best students in the
10 nation, ranking first among universities worldwide in the
11 numbers of International Baccalaureate students who attend its
12 campus, and

13 WHEREAS, the university is Florida's leading research and
14 education institution, drawing \$493 million in research grants
15 last fiscal year, offering more than 100 bachelor's degree
16 programs and more than 200 graduate and professional degree
17 programs, and producing the third highest number of doctor of
18 philosophy degrees in the nation, and

19 WHEREAS, the university, a major economic engine with an
20 economic ripple effect worth over \$4 billion, is a major
21 developer of new technologies, disclosing 272 inventions,
22 licensing 66 technologies, and earning \$40 million in licensing
23 revenue in 2005 alone; and companies based on its technologies
24 contribute nearly \$500 million to Florida's economy annually,
25 and

26 WHEREAS, perhaps the best known invention to come out of
27 the university is Gatorade, the sports health drink that has
28 helped millions of athletes maintain peak performance and has

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29 | resulted in more than \$120 million in royalties to the
30 | university, and

31 | WHEREAS, the university is home to a student body that is
32 | becoming increasingly diverse, with 10 percent of its freshmen
33 | class African Americans and 14 percent Hispanic, and its
34 | athletes are among the most talented in the nation, recently
35 | attaining sixth place in national all-sports rankings to mark
36 | the twenty-second straight year that the Gators have landed
37 | among the top 10 in athletics, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the singular
43 | contributions of the University of Florida and designates April
44 | 5, 2006, as "The University of Florida Day" in Tallahassee.

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