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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Florida State University's International Programs.

WHEREAS, as of the 2006-2007 academic year, Florida State University's International Programs has been in existence for 50 years, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University's International Programs includes the institutional study centers in Panama City, the Republic of Panama, established in 1957; Florence, Italy, founded in 1966; London, England, established in 1971; and Valencia, Spain, established as a year-round study center in 1996, and

WHEREAS, there are also 15 international summer programs offered by Florida State University located in various countries around the world, including Ireland, Australia, Japan, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Holland, China, Brazil, Russia, Switzerland, France, Ecuador, and Croatia, and

WHEREAS, these study centers and programs are highly acclaimed, offering exceptional academic opportunities, career preparation, and continued scholarly pursuits while providing students with a lifelong, expanded perspective of world cultures, regional and national governance, geographical boundaries, natural resources, economic conditions, historical frameworks, languages, and populations, and

WHEREAS, more than 20,000 students have participated in International Programs at study centers and through various summer programs offered by Florida State University, and

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WHEREAS, the Florida State University Alumni Association resolutely and unanimously endorses the concept of international education programs and the essential and institutional commitments, resources, and vision required to offer and support programs of the caliber, effectiveness, and attractiveness that have prevailed for a half century through Florida State University's International Programs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That Florida State University's International Programs and the administration, faculty, staff, students, and countries who are tireless advocates of and exceptional participants in its advancement are hereby congratulated and recognized for 50 years of remarkable contributions to the furtherance of higher education.

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