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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 19, 2008, as "FAMU Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, FAMU, a four-year, historically black university offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups, and

WHEREAS, for more than 120 years, FAMU has provided immeasurable educational opportunities that have enhanced the quality of life for young men and women from Florida and around the globe, and

WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of 13 colleges and schools and two institutes: Arts and Sciences; Education; Engineering Sciences, Technology, and Agriculture; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Engineering; Allied Health Sciences; Architecture; Business and Industry; General Studies; Journalism and Graphic Communication; Nursing; Law; Graduate Studies and Research; the Environmental Sciences Institute; and the Institute of Public Health, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is the top producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees and doctoral degrees in physics in the nation, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is the top producer of African American pharmacists in the nation, with the pharmacy program leading the

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state and nation in 2007 with a 100 percent passage rate on the North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination, and

WHEREAS, FAMU faculty have more than 300 active grants and contracts from federal, state, and private sources, representing research, community service, and scholarly projects, and

WHEREAS, Business Week Magazine recently recognized FAMU as one of the "Most Innovative Colleges" in the country in the area of technology transfer, and

WHEREAS, FAMU MBA students won first place at the 2007 National Black MBA Association Case Competition, and

WHEREAS, FAMU won its seventh consecutive Mid-Eastern
Athletic Conference Volleyball Championship in November 2007,
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education, proudly designates March 19, 2008, as "FAMU Day" in Tallahassee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. James H. Ammons, president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.