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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Pine Jog Environmental Education Center on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, a unit of the College of Education of Florida Atlantic University, is one of the oldest nature centers in the United States, annually serving more than 25,000 students, 750 teachers, and 12,500 adults and families from Palm Beach County and surrounding counties, and

WHEREAS, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center is nationally recognized regarding the development and delivery of hands-on educational experiences that encourage young people to become knowledgeable stewards of the natural world, and

WHEREAS, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center is the home of Pine Jog Elementary School, one of the first public schools in Florida to be awarded LEED Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, and

WHEREAS, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center is helping to ensure the future of environmental education in Florida by offering educator professional development workshops and summer institutes as well as a master's degree program in environmental education and an undergraduate fellowship in civic engagement and service learning, and

WHEREAS, this year Pine Jog Environmental Education Center is marking a half-century of providing truly exemplary service to the people of Florida through its dedicated staff, innovative

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programs, day and residential camps, and excellent facilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Pine Jog Environmental Education Center for 50 years of accomplishment in promoting the protection and preservation of Florida's unique, precious, and irreplaceable natural environment through environmental education.