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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the students, faculty, staff,
3 alumni, and Board of Trustees of Indian River State
4 College as they celebrate "50 Years of Innovation" as an
5 institution of higher learning in Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature approved the creation of
8 Indian River Junior College and Lincoln Junior College in 1959,
9 establishing the first institutions of higher education on
10 Florida's Treasure Coast in 1960, and

11 WHEREAS, the two institutions merged in 1965, and
12 governance of Indian River Junior College shifted in 1968 from
13 the local school board to a district board of trustees,
14 concurrent with the addition of occupational and adult education
15 programs that resulted in the renaming of the expanded
16 institution to Indian River Community College in 1970, and

17 WHEREAS, Indian River Community College expanded
18 educational access in the region by establishing four branch
19 campuses, the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach in 1976, the Chastain
20 Campus in Stuart in 1982, the Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee
21 in 1986, and the St. Lucie West Campus in Port St. Lucie in
22 1992, a rapidly growing joint campus with Florida Atlantic
23 University, and

24 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the college has encouraged
25 excellence in and out of the classroom with consistently strong
26 student representation on the All-Florida Academic Team and
27 international recognition for the River Swimming and Diving
28 Team's achievement of holding the longest current national

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29 | championship winning streak in any intercollegiate competition,
30 | at any level, and

31 | WHEREAS, in 2008, the institution was granted authority to
32 | confer baccalaureate degrees in education, nursing,
33 | organizational management, health care management, and public
34 | safety administration, bringing about the name change to Indian
35 | River State College, and

36 | WHEREAS, the college is fundamentally committed to the
37 | advancement of science, technology, education, and math, leading
38 | the charge to transform the region into the "Research Coast" by
39 | creating a skilled workforce and helping to attract life
40 | science, digital media, and other emerging technology firms, and

41 | WHEREAS, honored as the nation's top community college in
42 | technology in 2005 and 2007 by the American Association of
43 | Community Colleges, IRSC now offers over 100 programs leading to
44 | bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, technical certificates,
45 | and applied technology diplomas and is fully committed to the
46 | mission of positively impacting lives by "making possibilities a
47 | reality," and

48 | WHEREAS, approximately 35,000 students each year and
49 | hundreds of thousands of students over the past half century
50 | have walked through the open doors of Indian River State College
51 | to a better future, increasing their earning power and improving
52 | their quality of life, and

53 | WHEREAS, the last 50 years have seen Indian River State
54 | College evolve into a dominant educational, technical, and
55 | cultural center on Florida's Treasure Coast, providing
56 | innovative leadership in the areas of economic development,

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57 workforce responsiveness, high-quality, affordable education,
58 and most importantly, student success, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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63 That the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and Board of
64 Trustees of Indian River State College are recognized on the
65 occasion of their Golden Anniversary and in celebration of "50
66 Years of Innovation at IRSC."

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
68 presented to President Edwin R. Massey on behalf of Indian River
69 State College as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
70 herein.