

By Senator Rich

34-00133-11

2011194

Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the students, faculty, staff, board of trustees, and alumni of Broward College as they celebrate its 50 years as an outstanding institution of higher education.

WHEREAS, in 1960, Broward College opened its doors as the Junior College of Broward County, with 73 students, and

WHEREAS, following accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Broward College became the primary point of access to higher education in Broward County, and

WHEREAS, today Broward College enrolls 61,173 diverse students, who hail from 157 countries, and offers an affordable, high-quality education and the convenience of three campuses, in Pembroke Pines, Davie, and Coconut Creek, and six centers: the Willis Holcombe Center, the Pines Center, the Institute for Economic Development, the Weston Center, the Broward College Maroone Automotive Training Center, and Coconut Creek, and

WHEREAS, a number of outstanding Broward College graduates have won prestigious scholarships, including Jack Kent Cooke scholarships, have transferred to universities, and gone on to attend graduate and professional schools, and

WHEREAS, a "branch campus" for Black students, which opened in 1961 at Dillard High School, was merged with the main campus during the 1963-1964 academic year and Broward College is currently one of the nation's top producers of associate degrees awarded to minority students, and

WHEREAS, Broward College was the first community college in

34-00133-11

2011194

30 the country to endow teaching chairs for its faculty members,
31 demonstrating commitment to quality instruction by recognizing
32 and fostering faculty excellence, and

33 WHEREAS, Broward College offers six online associate
34 degrees, 200 online course titles, and many blended programs
35 that combine the benefits of online and face-to-face classes,
36 and is accredited to award bachelor's degrees in a number of
37 areas, including teacher education in critical-need fields,
38 supervision and management, information technology, and
39 technology management, and

40 WHEREAS, Broward College's 56 certificate programs,
41 including digital media web production, dental assisting, and
42 marine technology, prepare men and women for rewarding careers
43 and are designed to lead directly into the workforce within 3 to
44 12 months, and

45 WHEREAS, Broward College boasts such popular courses of
46 study as accounting technology, aviation, graphic design
47 technology, legal assisting technology, marine engineering
48 management, massage therapy, and automotive technology, and

49 WHEREAS, Broward College offers 1,000 continuing education
50 classes for professional and personal development and just for
51 fun, and

52 WHEREAS, Broward College is one of the schools that make up
53 this state's "Great 28" network of state colleges, educating the
54 teachers, nurses, public safety personnel, and other valued
55 professionals who make Florida a better place to live, NOW,
56 THEREFORE,

57
58 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

34-00133-11

2011194__

59

60

61

62

63

That the students, faculty, staff, board of trustees, and alumni of Broward College are recognized and congratulated as Broward College celebrates 50 years as an outstanding institution of higher education.