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1 House Resolution

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

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7 WHEREAS, in 1960, Broward College opened its doors as the
8 Junior College of Broward County, with a class of 701 students,
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10 WHEREAS, following accreditation by the Commission on
11 Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools,
12 Broward College became the primary point of access to higher
13 education in Broward County, and

14 WHEREAS, today Broward College enrolls 64,651 diverse
15 students, who hail from 157 countries, and offers an affordable,
16 high-quality education and the convenience of three campuses, in
17 Pembroke Pines, Davie, and Coconut Creek, and six centers: the
18 Willis Holcombe Center, the Pines Center, the Institute for
19 Economic Development, the Weston Center, the Broward College
20 Maroone Automotive Training Center, and Coconut Creek, and

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

25 WHEREAS, a "branch campus" for Black students, which opened
26 in 1961 at Dillard High School, was merged with the main campus
27 during the 1963-1964 academic year and Broward College is

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28 | currently one of the nation's top producers of associate degrees
29 | awarded to minority students, and

30 | WHEREAS, Broward College was the first community college in
31 | the country to endow teaching chairs for its faculty members,
32 | demonstrating commitment to quality instruction by recognizing
33 | and fostering faculty excellence, and

34 | WHEREAS, Broward College offers 12 online associate
35 | degrees, 200 online course titles, and many blended programs
36 | that combine the benefits of online and face-to-face classes,
37 | and is accredited to award bachelor's degrees in a number of
38 | areas, including teacher education in critical-need fields,
39 | supervision and management, information technology, and
40 | technology management, and

41 | WHEREAS, Broward College's 51 certificate programs,
42 | including digital media web production, dental assisting, and
43 | marine technology, prepare men and women for rewarding careers
44 | and are designed to lead directly into the workforce within 3 to
45 | 12 months, and

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

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

53 | WHEREAS, Broward College is one of the schools that make up
54 | this state's "Great 28" network of state colleges, educating the
55 | teachers, nurses, public safety personnel, and other valued

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56 | professionals who make Florida a better place to live, NOW,
57 | THEREFORE,

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

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