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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the outstanding achievements of
3 the students, alumni, faculty, and staff of New College of
4 Florida on the occasion of its 50th anniversary as an
5 institution of higher education.

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7 WHEREAS, New College was founded in 1960 and dedicated its
8 campus on the grounds of the former Charles Ringling estate on
9 Sarasota's bayfront in 1962, and

10 WHEREAS, in dedicating the campus of New College,
11 celebrants symbolically mixed soil from Harvard University, the
12 oldest institution of higher education in the nation, with that
13 of New College, and

14 WHEREAS, New College matriculated its first class of
15 students in 1964, and the charter class graduated in 1967, and

16 WHEREAS, for 50 years, New College has been dedicated to
17 academic excellence, remaining true to its mission to provide
18 academically talented students with an individualized and
19 challenging educational program by promoting independent study
20 and encouraging undergraduate research and close interaction
21 with faculty members, and

22 WHEREAS, New College became part of the State University
23 System in 1975, gained independence as the 11th member of the
24 system in 2001, and, as New College of Florida, was designated
25 the State Honors College for the liberal arts and sciences, and

26 WHEREAS, New College has produced national and
27 international scholarship award winners and grant recipients,
28 including a Fields Medalist, a Rhodes Scholar, a British

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29 Marshall Scholar, a Gates Cambridge Scholar, numerous National
30 Science Foundation Fellows, and one of the highest per capita
31 numbers of Fulbright Scholars in the nation, and

32 WHEREAS, New College has been recognized as one of the
33 nation's leading undergraduate liberal arts and sciences
34 colleges by U.S. News & World Report, the Wall Street Journal,
35 Forbes, Money, Time, the Princeton Review, and other
36 publications, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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41 That the Florida House of Representatives takes great pride
42 in recognizing the 50th anniversary of New College of Florida
43 and salutes the outstanding achievements of the students,
44 alumni, faculty, and staff of New College.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to New College President Mike Michalson as a tangible
47 token of the sentiments expressed herein.