

By Senator Hays

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the students, alumni,
3 faculty, administration, and District Board of
4 Trustees of Lake-Sumter Community College as the
5 college celebrates its 50th Anniversary as an
6 institution of higher learning.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1961, at a time when segregation was still
9 widely accepted in the South, the Legislature approved an act to
10 build two junior colleges in Lake County to serve the white and
11 black constituents of Lake and Sumter Counties, and

12 WHEREAS, in 1962, Lake-Sumter Junior College and Johnson
13 Junior College offered their first classes, housed in temporary
14 facilities on the campuses of Leesburg High School and Carver
15 Heights High School, respectively, and

16 WHEREAS, in 1964, with the generous support of the
17 community, Lake-Sumter Junior College opened its first permanent
18 campus on Highway 441 in Leesburg, and Johnson Junior College
19 opened its permanent facility on Beecher Street in Leesburg, and

20 WHEREAS, in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
21 Lake-Sumter Junior College and Johnson Junior College were
22 merged in 1965, and, in 1970, Lake-Sumter Junior College was
23 officially renamed as "Lake-Sumter Community College," and

24 WHEREAS, a joint-use facility with the Sumter County School
25 District was opened in Sumterville in the summer of 1995, and,
26 in Clermont at a joint-use facility with the University of
27 Central Florida, classes began in September of 1999, and

28 WHEREAS, Lake-Sumter Community College's dedicated and
29 talented faculty and staff have continuously sought new ways to

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30 increase opportunities for students and ensure their success,
31 have adapted to the needs of the students and employers in Lake
32 and Sumter Counties by staying at the forefront of innovative
33 education programming by offering certificates, associate
34 degrees, workforce training, and continuing education, and are
35 in the process of obtaining permission to offer a baccalaureate
36 degree in organizational management, and

37 WHEREAS, as a proud member of the "Great 28" in the Florida
38 College System, Lake-Sumter Community College will celebrate in
39 the 2012-2013 academic year 50 years of excellence as an
40 institution of higher learning, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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44 That the members of the Senate recognize the students,
45 alumni, faculty, administration, and District Board of Trustees
46 of Lake-Sumter Community College as the college celebrates its
47 50th Anniversary as an institution of higher learning in
48 Florida.