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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Valencia College.

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4 WHEREAS, Valencia Junior College was founded in 1967 in
5 Orlando and, in 1971, moved to its first permanent facility, now
6 its West Campus, on South Kirkman Road and changed its name to
7 Valencia College, and

8 WHEREAS, as the third largest community college in Florida,
9 Valencia College serves over 50,000 students annually and has
10 expanded its academic scope to include baccalaureate degrees,
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12 WHEREAS, Valencia College was named the National Community
13 College of the Year in 1998 by the National Alliance of Business
14 and a Vanguard Learning College in 2000, and

15 WHEREAS, in the past 2 years, Valencia College produced
16 more associate degree graduates than any other 2-year school in
17 the nation, and

18 WHEREAS, the job placement rate for Valencia College's
19 associate degree graduates is 90 percent, and their average
20 annual salary is \$36,372, and

21 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2011, the Aspen Institute College
22 Excellence Program announced that Valencia College is the
23 nation's top community college, and that it "is a shining
24 example of what really matters in community colleges, and that
25 is helping students succeed through learning, graduating, and
26 getting good jobs," NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That the faculty, students, alumni, and staff of Valencia
32 | College are recognized and honored for their outstanding
33 | achievements and their dedication to excellence in education.

34 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
35 | presented to the president of Valencia College, Dr. Sanford C.
36 | Shugart, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.