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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 16, 2012, as
"University of Florida Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, the University of Florida, one of the nation's
most academically rigorous and comprehensive institutions of
higher learning, is the state's only university honored by
membership in the prestigious Association of American
Universities, and

WHEREAS, the university attracts the best students in the
state, the country, and the world, with its incoming freshmen
averaging an SAT score of 1920 and a grade point average of
4.23, the highest of any state university in Florida, and its
highly accomplished faculty includes 52 Eminent Scholar Chairs
and 35 faculty elections to the National Academy of Sciences,
the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine,
and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and

WHEREAS, in a single academic year, \$619 million in
research and training grants was awarded to the University of
Florida, and its overall accomplishments and quality of
education earned the university a ranking by Kiplinger Magazine
for the 7th year running as one of the best values in public
colleges, and

WHEREAS, a 2011 study rated the University of Florida as
the most efficient public research university in the country in
terms of tuition and graduation rates, and the University of
Florida's 4-year graduation rate of 65 percent is the highest of
any state university, and

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29 WHEREAS, the University of Florida ranks among the top 10
30 universities in the country where corporations prefer to recruit
31 new employees, generates more than 106,000 statewide jobs each
32 year, and has a remarkable annual statewide economic impact of
33 over \$8.76 billion, and

34 WHEREAS, the University of Florida also excels in its
35 student athletic program, which has been a top 10 program
36 nationally for the past 28 years and whose athletic victories
37 include 26 national team championships, 201 Southeastern
38 Conference (SEC) titles, and more than 230 individual national
39 titles, NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
42 Florida:

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44 That February 16, 2012, is recognized as "University of
45 Florida Day" in the State of Florida in honor of the University
46 of Florida's many outstanding contributions to the state, the
47 nation, and the world.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to Dr. J. Bernard Machen, President of the University
50 of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
51 herein.