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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the
3 University of Central Florida and designating June 10,
4 2013, as "UCF Day" in Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida (UCF) is the
7 nation's second largest university, with an enrollment of nearly
8 60,000 students, 40 percent of whom are minorities and reflect
9 the growing diversity of the university's community, and more
10 than 210,000 alumni, the majority of whom reside in the state,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, a model of efficiency, UCF spends nearly 40
13 percent less on administrative costs than the State University
14 System average and regularly earns ratings as one of the
15 nation's "best value" universities for its affordability and
16 quality by organizations such as the Princeton Review and
17 Kiplinger Magazine, and

18 WHEREAS, the award-winning DirectConnect to UCF program is
19 a national model for providing Floridians the opportunity to
20 affordably attain higher education through partnerships with
21 local state colleges, and

22 WHEREAS, UCF's staff and student volunteers contribute
23 greatly to the Central Florida region, generating more than
24 200,000 service hours annually to charities in the community,
25 and

26 WHEREAS, UCF fosters the arts in the community through its
27 partnerships in theatre, digital film, music, and public
28 television and radio broadcasting, while also more than doubling

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29 the awarding of critical Science, Technology, Engineering, and
30 Mathematics (STEM) degrees in the past decade, and

31 WHEREAS, the Modeling, Simulation, and Training industry is
32 anchored in Central Florida thanks to partnerships between UCF,
33 the United States Armed Forces, and innovative high-technology
34 companies, and

35 WHEREAS, the university's College of Medicine helped
36 attract a cluster of life sciences centers and research
37 institutions to the new Medical City in Lake Nona, which is
38 projected to bring more than 30,000 jobs to the Orlando
39 community beginning in 2017, 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 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding
45 of the University of Central Florida, June 10, 2013, is
46 designated as "UCF Day" in the State of Florida.