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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 2, 2014, as "University
3 of Florida Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, in 2014, the University of Florida has continued
6 its legacy of enrolling some of the most academically talented
7 students in the nation, with an average freshman grade point
8 average of 4.4 and an average SAT score of 1960, and

9 WHEREAS, the university launched UF Online in January 2014,
10 the first fully online 4-year bachelor's degree program at a
11 public university in Florida and one of the first such programs
12 offered at a leading national research university, and

13 WHEREAS, in October 2013, the University of Florida
14 dedicated more than \$13 million in state preeminence funding to
15 hiring new faculty whose work will further 16 university
16 research proposals in fields ranging from computing to biology
17 to business, and

18 WHEREAS, in 2013, the university's Innovation Square
19 continued to draw outside technology companies to establish
20 offices and create jobs in Gainesville, including Mobiquity, a
21 Boston-area mobile application developer, and CurtCo Robb Media,
22 publisher of the Robb Report, and

23 WHEREAS, in 2012, the University of Florida ranked fourth
24 nationally among universities in launching startup companies

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25 | that used the school's own technologies, a testament to the
26 | university's world-renowned faculty, and

27 | WHEREAS, the Florida Innovation Hub at the University of
28 | Florida contributed to the creation of 250 jobs in its first 20
29 | months, and the three-story business superincubator already has
30 | more than two dozen tenants, and

31 | WHEREAS, in 2013, the University of Florida surged to
32 | number 14 among the nation's best public universities as ranked
33 | by U.S. News & World Report, a leap forward of three spots from
34 | the previous year's standing, and

35 | WHEREAS, according to the Wall Street Journal's SmartMoney
36 | magazine, the University of Florida offers students and their
37 | families the second-highest return on investment of any
38 | university in the nation, and

39 | WHEREAS, in 2013, the university continued to grow and
40 | expand its campus, including completing the Clinical and
41 | Translational Research Building, beginning a major renovation
42 | and expansion of the Reitz Union, and breaking ground on both
43 | Heavener Hall and the Harrell Medical Education Building, and

44 | WHEREAS, in May 2013, the university significantly expanded
45 | its scientific research computing capabilities with the
46 | completion of HiPerGator, the state's fastest supercomputer and
47 | among the top 200 supercomputers in the world, and

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48 WHEREAS, the University of Florida continued to unify the
49 six colleges of the UF Health Center and Shands Hospital by
50 bringing them together under one shared brand, UF Health, and

51 WHEREAS, the University of Florida also excels in its
52 student-athletic program, which has been the only program in the
53 nation to rank in the top-ten nationally for the past 30 years
54 and whose athletic victories include 31 national team
55 championships, 213 Southeastern Conference titles, and more than
56 259 individual national titles, NOW, THEREFORE,

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58 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
59 Florida:

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61 That April 2, 2014, is designated as "University of Florida
62 Day" in the State of Florida.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
64 presented to Dr. J. Bernard Machen, president of the University
65 of Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
66 herein.