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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 26, 2014, as "FAMU Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) was founded in 1887, named a land grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, FAMU, a 4-year, historically black university offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups and has provided immeasurable educational opportunities for young men and women, and

WHEREAS, the university consists of 14 colleges and schools, including Agriculture and Food Sciences; Education; Science and Technology; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Engineering; Allied Health Sciences; Architecture; Business and Industry; Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities; Journalism and Graphic Communication; Nursing; Law; Graduate Studies and Research; and the Environment, and one institute, Public Health, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees and degrees in business management, marketing, and related fields and a leading producer of African-American pharmacists in the nation, and

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25 WHEREAS, according to the National Science Foundation, the
26 FAMU faculty is ranked second in the nation in the production of
27 research publications in global science issues, outranking large
28 universities that have greater resources, and

29 WHEREAS, nearly a third of FAMU's student body is pursuing
30 degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
31 (STEM) or health-related disciplines, and

32 WHEREAS, FAMU was recently recognized as one of Florida's
33 most affordable public universities, producing graduates with
34 the second-highest starting salaries among Florida public
35 university graduates, and

36 WHEREAS, the university remains accessible with 54 percent
37 of its students being first-generation college students and 66
38 percent of its students being Federal Pell Grant recipients, the
39 most of any Florida public university, and

40 WHEREAS, FAMU's men's and women's cross country teams won
41 two consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Cross Country
42 Championships in 2012 and 2013, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 Florida:

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47 That March 26, 2014, is designated as "FAMU Day" in the
48 State of Florida in recognition of Florida Agricultural and

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49 | Mechanical University's contributions as an outstanding
50 | institution of higher education.

51 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 | presented to Dr. Larry Robinson, interim president of Florida
53 | Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of
54 | the sentiments expressed herein.