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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 2013 University of
3 Central Florida Knights football team for its
4 outstanding victory at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.
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6 WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida (UCF) Knights
7 football team, under the direction of Head Coach George O'Leary
8 and his coaching staff, achieved numerous program milestones
9 during the 2013 regular season, including ten wins, a nine-game
10 winning streak, a win over a Big Ten team, the inaugural
11 American Athletic Conference Championship, and a Top-15 ranking,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the UCF Knights also excelled in the classroom,
14 having ranked among the Top 15 programs in graduation success
15 rate of football student athletes, as well as scoring a
16 collective 3.09 grade point average during one semester, a
17 record for the program, and

18 WHEREAS, the UCF Knights were selected to appear in their
19 first-ever Bowl Championship Series (BCS) game, the 2014
20 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, to play against the Baylor Bears, who were
21 ranked sixth in the BCS at the end of the regular season and
22 favored by 17 points, and

23 WHEREAS, despite the prolific offense of the Baylor Bears,
24 the UCF Knights never trailed during the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl,
25 opening the game with a 14-0 lead, persevering through three

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26 | second-quarter turnovers to lead 28-20 at halftime, and scoring
27 | an additional 24 points in the second half, and

28 | WHEREAS, the Baylor offense was held to 11.3 points and
29 | 74.5 yards shy of their season average, and the underdog UCF
30 | Knights proved many critics wrong by recording the largest upset
31 | in BCS bowl game history and winning the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl
32 | 52-42, with 65,172 people in attendance and millions more
33 | watching at home, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 | Florida:

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38 | That the University of Central Florida Knights football
39 | team is recognized and congratulated for its impressive and
40 | inspiring win in the 2014 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.