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## House Resolution

A resolution designating February 4, 2016, 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, designated a university in 1953, and, today, has seven campuses located throughout the state serving a total of 10,229 students, and

WHEREAS, a four-year, historically black university consisting of 14 colleges and schools, FAMU offers 56 bachelor's degrees, 29 master's degrees, and 12 doctoral programs, providing immeasurable educational opportunities for young men and women from more than 70 countries, and

WHEREAS, FAMU student Jasmine A. Hall pioneered the cloning of the Flavanone 3-Hydroxylase gene from muscadine grapes, a fruit with multiple health benefits and one of the highest antioxidant levels, which will aid in the production of nutraceuticals that will benefit future consumers, 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

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

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27 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has  
28 awarded FAMU more than \$1.3 million in grants to support the  
29 university's research, teaching, and extension activities in the  
30 fields of agriculture, the environment, and public health, and

31 WHEREAS, The College Database 2013 recognized FAMU as the  
32 second most affordable public institution for providing high-  
33 quality education in the state, the Social Mobility Index 2014  
34 classified FAMU as the third highest ranked institution for  
35 facilitating economic opportunity for underserved students in  
36 the nation, U.S. News & World Report recognized FAMU as one of  
37 its "2015 Best Colleges," and Best-Pharmacy-Schools.com  
38 currently ranks FAMU's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical  
39 Sciences as the third highest ranked pharmacy school in the  
40 state, and

41 WHEREAS, FAMU's women's cross country team won its fourth  
42 consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Cross Country  
43 Championship in 2015, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That February 4, 2016, is designated as "FAMU Day" in the  
49 State of Florida in recognition of Florida Agricultural and  
50 Mechanical University's contributions as an outstanding  
51 institution of higher education.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

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53 | presented to Dr. Elmira Mangum, president of Florida  
54 | Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of  
55 | the sentiments expressed herein.