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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 6, 2017, as "FAMU Day" in 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 historically black university offering undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and professional degree 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, academic components of the university consist of seven colleges and seven schools: the colleges of Agriculture and Food Sciences; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Science and Technology; and Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities; and the schools of Allied Health Sciences; Architecture and Engineering Technology; Business and Industry; the Environment; Graduate Studies and Research; Journalism and Graphic Communication; and Nursing, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees and the top producer of African-American pharmacists in the nation, and

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24 WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading producer of African-American
25 Ph.D. graduates in science and engineering, as noted by the
26 National Science Foundation, and

27 WHEREAS, nearly 48 percent of FAMU's student body is
28 pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and
29 mathematics (STEM) or health-related disciplines, and

30 WHEREAS, FAMU was recognized among the U.S. News & World
31 Report's "Best National Universities" and was ranked as the top
32 public historically black college or university in the nation
33 for 2017 and, according to College Choice (2016), FAMU is one of
34 the top picks for providing a high-quality education at an
35 affordable price in Florida, and

36 WHEREAS, 32 percent of FAMU's students are first-generation
37 college students and 64 percent receive Pell Grants, more than
38 any other public university in the state, which is a testament
39 to the educational accessibility of the university, and

40 WHEREAS, the FAMU Women's Athletic Program earned a share
41 of the 2016 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Mary McLeod Bethune
42 Women's All-Sports Award and, in 2016, the FAMU women's cross
43 country team won its fifth consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic
44 Conference Cross Country Championship, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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49 That April 6, 2017, is recognized as "FAMU Day" in Florida.
50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
51 presented to Larry Robinson, Ph.D., interim president of Florida
52 Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of
53 the sentiments expressed herein.