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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Florida Polytechnic  
3 University for having met the criteria established by  
4 the Florida Legislature and congratulating the  
5 university on its success.

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7 WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University was created by the  
8 Legislature on March 9, 2012, with the passage of Senate Bill  
9 1994, which was approved by the Governor on April 20, 2012, and

10 WHEREAS, the enacting legislation required the fledgling  
11 university to meet certain criteria relating to academic  
12 programs, facilities, administration, student enrollment, and  
13 programmatic and institutional accreditation, and

14 WHEREAS, in June of 2017, Florida Polytechnic University  
15 was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and  
16 Schools Commission on Colleges, successfully completing all  
17 required criteria, and

18 WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University's iconic  
19 Innovation, Science, and Technology building was designed by  
20 Santiago Calatrava and in a survey of prominent architects was  
21 identified as one of the 16 most breathtaking buildings in the  
22 world, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University's mission is to  
24 catalyze Florida's economic growth through applied science,

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25 | technology, engineering, and mathematics education and research,  
26 | and

27 |       WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University opened its doors to  
28 | 540 students in the fall of 2014, and

29 |       WHEREAS, in the fall of 2017, Florida Polytechnic  
30 | University enrolled 1,445 students from across Florida and  
31 | employed 225 full-time staff and faculty, and

32 |       WHEREAS, to fulfill its mission of economic development and  
33 | meeting Florida's workforce needs, Florida Polytechnic  
34 | University offers bachelor's degrees in computer engineering,  
35 | electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer  
36 | science, data analytics, and science and technology management,  
37 | and

38 |       WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University strives to develop  
39 | Florida-resident engineers through a hands-on curriculum that  
40 | includes strong fundamentals and teaches effective problem-  
41 | solving, communication, and leadership skills, and

42 |       WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University works with more  
43 | than 200 industry partners to identify research projects, grow  
44 | small to medium businesses, and place students in internships  
45 | that are required for graduation, and

46 |       WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University's successful  
47 | entrepreneurship program is focused on student activity and  
48 | involvement and empowers students to explore their ideas and  
49 | create new business ventures, and

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50 WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University students have  
51 placed in all entrepreneurship competitions they have entered,  
52 including second in the Florida Venture Forum and third in the  
53 Governor's Cup, and

54 WHEREAS, Florida Polytechnic University has a bright future  
55 with plans to increase enrollment, continue to recruit highly  
56 qualified and diverse students, and increase the number of  
57 faculty and offered degrees, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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62 That Florida Polytechnic University is recognized for  
63 having met the criteria established by the Florida Legislature  
64 and congratulated on its success.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
66 presented to Florida Polytechnic University President Randy K.  
67 Avent, Ph.D., as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
68 herein.