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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 8, 2018, as "FAMU
3 Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
6 (FAMU) was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in
7 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

8 WHEREAS, FAMU, a historically black university offering
9 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and professional degree
10 programs, seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic,
11 religious, and national groups and has provided immeasurable
12 educational opportunities for young men and women, and

13 WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of
14 seven colleges and seven schools: the colleges of Agriculture
15 and Food Sciences; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy and
16 Pharmaceutical Sciences; Science and Technology; and Social
17 Sciences, Arts and Humanities; and the schools of Allied Health
18 Sciences; Architecture and Engineering Technology; Business and
19 Industry; the Environment; Graduate Studies and Research;
20 Journalism and Graphic Communication; and Nursing, and

21 WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading producer of African Americans
22 with baccalaureate degrees; a top producer of African Americans
23 earning baccalaureate degrees in allied health sciences; the top
24 producer of African Americans earning professional doctorate
25 degrees in pharmacy, rehabilitation, and therapeutic

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26 | professions; and the top producer in the nation of African
27 | Americans earning a master's degree in architecture according to
28 | Diverse Issues in Higher Education's Top 100 of 2017, and

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

32 | WHEREAS, FAMU was recognized among U.S. News & World
33 | Report's "Best National Universities" and was listed as the top
34 | public historically black college or university in the nation
35 | for the 2018 ranking, and

36 | WHEREAS, 65 percent of FAMU's students receive Pell Grants,
37 | which is a testament to the educational accessibility of the
38 | university, and

39 | WHEREAS, the FAMU Athletics Program earned 2017 Mid-Eastern
40 | Athletic Conference titles in women's softball and men's tennis
41 | and its fifth consecutive title in women's cross country, and

42 | WHEREAS, FAMU currently has a multi-year, multimillion-
43 | dollar partnership with Lockheed Martin and NASA to develop new
44 | technologies needed for deep space exploration, including a
45 | mission to Mars, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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50 That February 8, 2018, is recognized as "FAMU Day" in
51 Florida.

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