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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 6, 2020, 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 college and university (HBCU) offering undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, 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 the number one HBCU in awarding baccalaureate degrees and in awarding doctoral degrees in Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Administration to African

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25 Americans according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* "Top
26 100 Producers, 2019," and

27 WHEREAS, FAMU is the top public HBCU for research and
28 development according to the National Science Foundation, and is
29 now listed in the Carnegie Classification as a Doctoral
30 University with high research activity, and

31 WHEREAS, a new 700-bed residence hall is under
32 construction, which will contribute to creating an environment
33 that will enhance student success, and

34 WHEREAS, FAMU is addressing health disparities by enhancing
35 FAMU's research capacity, increasing the number of minority
36 research investigators, and promoting minority health as a
37 catalyst to reducing health disparities, and

38 WHEREAS, FAMU is increasing the number of minority students
39 in its Program of Excellence in STEM, a collaborative effort
40 across disciplines that has impacted students by providing
41 exposure to research and coursework in various STEM-related
42 fields, and

43 WHEREAS, FAMU was recognized among *U.S. News & World*
44 *Report's* 2019 ranking of the "Top Public Schools" as the Highest
45 Ranked Public Historically Black College or University in the
46 nation, as one of the most affordable colleges in Florida,
47 according to College Choice, and as a National Top College for
48 Diversity & Inclusion by *Latino Leaders Magazine*, and

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49 WHEREAS, in 2019 the FAMU Rattlers football team had one of
50 its best seasons with a record of 9-2 overall and 7-1 in the
51 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, finishing the season ranked
52 number one by the Black College Sports Network, NOW, THEREFORE,

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54 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
55 Florida:

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57 That, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
58 University's contributions as an outstanding institution of
59 higher education, February 6, 2020, is designated as "FAMU Day"
60 in Florida.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
62 presented to Larry Robinson, Ph.D., president of Florida
63 Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of
64 the sentiments expressed herein.