

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commemorating the 2019-2020 school year
3 as the 150th anniversary of Orange County Public
4 Schools.

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6 WHEREAS, in 1869, the State of Florida established Orange
7 County as a school district, to be governed by three appointed
8 board members and administered by a superintendent, and

9 WHEREAS, W.C. Roper, A.C. Caldwell, and Zelotes Mason
10 founded the Board of Public Instruction in Orange County, and W.
11 A. Lovell was selected as the first superintendent of the school
12 district on December 11, 1869, and

13 WHEREAS, the Union Free Church, located on South Main
14 Street (now Magnolia Avenue) between Church Street and Pine
15 Street, served as School No. 1 in Orange County, and

16 WHEREAS, Orange County Public Schools has grown into the
17 nation's eighth-largest and the state's fourth-largest public
18 school district, serving more than 215,000 students in 199
19 schools across Orange County, and

20 WHEREAS, Orange County Public Schools proudly serves a
21 diverse student population who speak more than 150 languages and
22 represent 165 countries, and

23 WHEREAS, with the support and involvement of families and
24 the community, Orange County Public Schools has maintained its

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25 | commitment to lead students to success, and those students have
26 | been impactful in various professions around the globe, and

27 | WHEREAS, since 1869, Orange County Public Schools has stood
28 | as the foundation of public education in the Central Florida
29 | region where a legacy of learning will be recognized for
30 | generations to come, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 | Florida:

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35 | That the 2019-2020 school year is commemorated as the 150th
36 | anniversary of Orange County Public Schools, and that its
37 | teachers, administrative staff, support personnel, and students
38 | are encouraged to celebrate this milestone.

39 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
40 | presented to Dr. Barbara M. Jenkins, Superintendent of Orange
41 | County Public Schools, and the Orange County School Board as a
42 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.