

HR 8027

2021

House Resolution

A resolution designating April 1, 2021, 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, under the leadership and dedication of President Larry Robinson, Ph.D., and the FAMU Board of Trustees, FAMU is laser focused on providing an exceptional student experience and ranks first among public HBCUs for the second consecutive year

26 | according to the *U.S. News & World Report* 2021 Best Colleges
 27 | Ranking of Top Public Universities, and

28 | WHEREAS, FAMU is the leading producer of African-American
 29 | graduates in several disciplines at the baccalaureate,
 30 | professional, and graduate levels, and is ranked as a top STEM
 31 | HBCU for science, technology, engineering, and math majors, and

32 | WHEREAS, since April 25, 2020, FAMU's Bragg Stadium has
 33 | served as a free COVID-19 testing site for the Big Bend
 34 | Community, providing more than 250,000 tests and helping to
 35 | address vaccine hesitancy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 37 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 38 | Florida:

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 40 | That, in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
 41 | University's contributions as an outstanding institution of
 42 | higher education, April 1, 2021, is designated as "FAMU Day" in
 43 | Florida.

44 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 45 | presented to Larry Robinson, Ph.D., President of Florida
 46 | Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of
 47 | the sentiments expressed herein.