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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 24, 2022, as "FAMU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), the only public historically black college and university (HBCU) in Florida, was founded on October 3, 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of over ninety-five undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, and professional degree programs, seven colleges, and seven schools, including: 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 commitment of President Larry Robinson, Ph.D., and the FAMU Board of Trustees, FAMU is dedicated to providing an exceptional student experience and ranks first among HBCUs for the third consecutive year according to the *U.S. News & World Report* 2022 Best Colleges Ranking of Top Public Schools, and

26 WHEREAS, FAMU is the leading producer of African-American
 27 graduates in several disciplines at the baccalaureate,
 28 professional, and graduate levels, and

29 WHEREAS, FAMU has 14 National Collegiate Athletic
 30 Association (NCAA) programs and the 2021 FAMU Rattlers football
 31 team became the first team in the Southwestern Athletic
 32 Conference (SWAC) in 24 years to be selected for the NCAA's
 33 Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, has the
 34 most players of any HBCU in the nation named BOXTOROW All-
 35 Americans, and earned national recognition by being ranked 25th
 36 in the CBS Week 11 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Power
 37 Rankings, and

38 WHEREAS, the FAMU Rattlers Volleyball Team won the 2021
 39 SWAC Volleyball Tournament Championship and qualified for the
 40 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship for the
 41 first time in 12 years, and

42 WHEREAS, School of Journalism professor, Kenneth Jones,
 43 released his third independent movie, *My Music*, in honor of
 44 National Family Caregivers Month, which debuted at the 2019
 45 Sedona Film Festival, and David Teek of the Division of Research
 46 co-wrote and co-produced *Woman in Motion*, which was screened by
 47 the National Aeronautics Space Administration, and

48 WHEREAS, FAMU's Center for International Agricultural Trade
 49 Development Research and Training will help lead global efforts
 50 to advance production, handling, and consumption of fruits and

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51 | vegetables as part of a 5-year initiative with the U.S. Agency
52 | for International Development (USAID) for its Feed the Future
53 | Innovation Lab for Horticulture, and

54 | WHEREAS, FAMU has partnered with the Chevron Corporation
55 | and the Fab Foundation to create a digital fabrication lab at
56 | FAMU Development Research School to foster student innovation,
57 | learning, and invention for the Tallahassee community, and

58 | WHEREAS, the workers at the FAMU community COVID-19 testing
59 | and vaccination site were selected as the *Tallahassee Democrat*
60 | 2021 "Person of the Year" and have provided more than 550,000
61 | tests and 23,000 vaccines to the Big Bend area since April 25,
62 | 2020, NOW, THEREFORE,

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64 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
65 | Florida:

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67 | That in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
68 | University's contributions as an outstanding institution of
69 | higher education, February 24, 2022, is designated as "FAMU Day"
70 | in Florida.

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