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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 26, 2015, as "FAMU Day" in the State of 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 4-year, historically black university offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral 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, the university consists of 14 colleges and schools, including the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences; the College of Education; the College of Science and Technology; the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; the College of Engineering; the School of Allied Health Sciences; the School of Architecture; the School of Business and Industry; the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities; the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication; the School of Nursing; the College of Law; the School of Graduate Studies and Research; and the School of the Environment, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading producer of African Americans with baccalaureate degrees and degrees in business management, marketing, and related fields and a leading producer of African-American pharmacists in the nation, and

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WHEREAS, nearly one-third of FAMU's student body is pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or health-related disciplines, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, The College Database recognized FAMU as one of the state's top universities for providing a high-quality education at an affordable price, and

WHEREAS, U.S. News & World Report recognized FAMU among the 2014 "Best National Universities" and ranked FAMU as the top public historically black college or university in the nation for 2014, and

WHEREAS, FAMU's women's cross country team won its third consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships in 2014, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That March 26, 2015, is designated as "FAMU Day" in the State of Florida in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Elmira Mangum, president of Florida

Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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