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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing Edison State College and its
3 students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and
4 district board of trustees as they celebrate the
5 college's 50th anniversary as an institution of higher
6 education in Florida.

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8 WHEREAS, Edison State College is celebrating 50 years of
9 excellence as an institution of higher education in Southwest
10 Florida, and

11 WHEREAS, in 1962, Edison State College offered its first
12 classes in temporary quarters at the Andrew Gwynne Institute,
13 with a second center at Dunbar High School in Fort Myers, and

14 WHEREAS, the college opened its first permanent campus in
15 1965 thanks to the generous support of community donors, and

16 WHEREAS, Edison State College began offering classes in
17 Charlotte County in 1974 and opened a permanent campus there in
18 1997, and

19 WHEREAS, Edison State College began offering classes in
20 Collier County in 1974 and moved to a permanent campus in 1992,
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22 WHEREAS, Edison State College has recently opened a
23 permanent center in LaBelle, serving Glades and Hendry Counties,
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Edison State College has continuously adapted to
26 the needs of the students and employers in Southwest Florida by
27 staying at the forefront of innovative education programming,

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28 | including college baccalaureate, workforce training, and
29 | continuing education, and

30 | WHEREAS, Edison State College began offering select
31 | baccalaureate degrees in 2007 and currently offers 10
32 | baccalaureate degrees in the fields of education, nursing,
33 | cardiovascular technology, public safety management, and
34 | supervision and management, and

35 | WHEREAS, Edison State College has maintained a strong
36 | commitment to providing open access to the most relevant and
37 | technologically advanced education available at the certificate,
38 | Associate in Science, Associate in Arts, and baccalaureate
39 | degree levels by using traditional classroom, blended online,
40 | and full online program delivery, and

41 | WHEREAS, Edison State College continues to seek new ways to
42 | increase student success and address barriers to completing a
43 | higher education, and

44 | WHEREAS, Edison State College continues to explore new
45 | partnerships with institutions in the State University System,
46 | enhancing access to higher education through 2+2 partnerships,
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48 | WHEREAS, Edison State College has begun operating
49 | collegiate charter high schools to provide more opportunity for
50 | parental choice in a child's education, and

51 | WHEREAS, Edison State College is home to many community
52 | cultural resources such as the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, which
53 | hosts numerous art exhibits annually, and the Barbara B. Mann
54 | Performing Arts Hall, which hosts many Broadway-caliber live
55 | performances, and

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56 WHEREAS, Edison State College is a part of the "Great 28"
57 in the Florida College System, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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62 That the students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration,
63 and district board of trustees of Edison State College are
64 congratulated on the 50th anniversary of the institution, and the
65 college is recognized for the tremendous benefits it has
66 provided the State of Florida.