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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of Pasco-Hernando Community College.

> WHEREAS, in 1967, the Legislature established Pasco-Hernando Community College (PHCC) as the 28th and final community college, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of PHCC's district board of trustees, the college began operations and enrolled its first student in the fall of 1972, and

WHEREAS, through the generosity of the citizens of Pasco and Hernando Counties, land was purchased in Dade City and Governor Reubin O'Donovan Askew dedicated the first building on PHCC's East Campus in Dade City in 1975, and

WHEREAS, to serve all 1,200 square miles of its district through conveniently located facilities and to carry out the vision of its district board of trustees, PHCC currently operates campuses in Brooksville, Dade City, New Port Richey, and Spring Hill, and is constructing the Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch, a new, full-service campus scheduled to open in Wesley Chapel in 2014, and

WHEREAS, PHCC has awarded more than 32,000 degrees and other academic credentials and claims among its distinguished alumni a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist; several current and former members of the Legislature, state executive branch, and United States Congress; and doctors, lawyers, law enforcement officers, educators, nurses, radiographers, paramedics,

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paralegals, computer and Internet technicians, welders, and numerous other professionals, and

WHEREAS, PHCC serves more than 15,000 students annually and currently offers more than 60 career and academic programs, as well as a wide variety of continuing education, corporate training, and other educational options, to serve the needs of the citizens and businesses of Pasco and Hernando Counties, and

WHEREAS, the college maintains active and successful student development and engagement programs, which have earned national and state recognition, as well as intercollegiate athletic programs, which have won several regional and state championships and a national championship in women's volleyball in 2010, and

WHEREAS, PHCC continues to maintain its accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That Pasco-Hernando Community College is congratulated on its 40th anniversary and recognized for the efforts of its dedicated board of trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Pasco-Hernando Community College as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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