House Resolution

A resolution designating March 26, 2014, 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 Agriculture and Food Sciences; Education;
Science and Technology; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences;
Engineering; Allied Health Sciences; Architecture; Business and
Industry; Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities; Journalism and
Graphic Communication; Nursing; Law; Graduate Studies and
Research; and the Environment, and one institute, Public Health,
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
WHEREAS, according to the National Science Foundation, the FAMU faculty is ranked second in the nation in the production of research publications in global science issues, outranking large universities that have greater resources, and

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

WHEREAS, FAMU was recently recognized as one of Florida's most affordable public universities, producing graduates with the second-highest starting salaries among Florida public university graduates, and

WHEREAS, the university remains accessible with 54 percent of its students being first-generation college students and 66 percent of its students being Federal Pell Grant recipients, the most of any Florida public university, and

WHEREAS, FAMU's men's and women's cross country teams won two consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships in 2012 and 2013, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That March 26, 2014, 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. Larry Robinson, interim president of Florida
Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of
the sentiments expressed herein.