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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the University of Florida as an outstanding institution of higher education and designating February 18, 2020, as "Gator Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is a top 10 public university, rising from its Number 8 position in 2019 to Number 7 in 2020 on the U.S. News & World Report Top Public Schools list, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida continues its upward momentum with 28 programs nationally ranked in the top 30 in their discipline on the 2020 U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools rankings, including 7 programs ranked in the top 10 and 17 programs ranked in the top 20, and

WHEREAS, University of Florida health researchers have been instrumental in the development of a vaccine used to prevent the spread of the Ebola virus, a breakthrough with the potential to save countless lives and that has been listed by National Geographic as one of the Top 20 scientific discoveries of the decade, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is a national leader in transferring its research to the marketplace through its two award-winning incubators, UF Innovate, The Hub and Sid Martin Biotechnology Institute, both of which have been recognized as

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26 | leading national and international business incubators by the
27 | International Business Innovation Association, and

28 | WHEREAS, the University of Florida has 29 faculty members
29 | who are members of the National Academies of Sciences,
30 | Engineering, and Medicine, and

31 | WHEREAS, in March 2019, College Magazine recognized the
32 | University of Florida as having the 6th best campus for students
33 | with physical disabilities, and

34 | WHEREAS, the University of Florida continues to expand
35 | access to education through the UF Online pathway, celebrating
36 | over 2,000 graduates who utilized this unique pathway and 4,000
37 | active learners, earning the Number 5 ranking on the 2019 U.S.
38 | News & World Report Best Online Programs list, and

39 | WHEREAS, the University of Florida athletic program has
40 | ranked among the nation's top 10 for 36 straight years, from the
41 | 1983-1984 athletic season to the 2018-2019 athletic season, and
42 | earned its 11th consecutive top five overall finish, according
43 | to national all-sport rankings, NOW, THEREFORE,

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45 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
46 | Florida:

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48 | That the University of Florida is commended and
49 | congratulated for its dedication to the advancement of the State
50 | of Florida and on its ranking as the Number 7 public university

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51 | in 2019 on the U.S. News & World Report Top Public Schools list,
52 | and that February 18, 2020, is recognized as "Gator Day" in
53 | Florida.

54 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
55 | presented to the University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs,
56 | Ph.D., as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.