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2015

House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring Katherine M. Johnson, Ed.D., as
3 she retires from her position as President of Pasco-
4 Hernando State College and recognizing her lifetime
5 achievements as an educator, administrator, and public
6 servant.

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8 WHEREAS, Katherine M. Johnson, Ed.D., has served as a
9 distinguished educator for 43 years, beginning her career as a
10 classroom teacher and ending her career as President of Pasco-
11 Hernando State College, and

12 WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Dr. Johnson has
13 served in a variety of postsecondary educational positions,
14 including guidance counselor, fundraiser, and administrator at
15 the Florida Institute of Technology and Indian River State
16 College and President of Nash Community College in North
17 Carolina, and

18 WHEREAS, in January 2005, Dr. Johnson became the third
19 President of Pasco-Hernando State College, and

20 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Pasco-Hernando State College
21 was designated a "Great Place to Work"; was ranked as one of the
22 100 most affordable colleges in the country; was nominated for
23 the Aspen Award; opened two new campuses, resulting in five
24 full-service campuses to serve the two-county district;
25 increased enrollment by 45 percent; and increased its graduation
26 rate by 43 percent, and

27 WHEREAS, during Dr. Johnson's tenure, Pasco-Hernando State
28 College also increased the net assets of its Direct Support
29 Organization from approximately \$29 million to nearly \$43
30 million; raised its operating budget by 102 percent; and added
31 numerous programs, including two baccalaureate degree programs,
32 and

33 WHEREAS, during Dr. Johnson's presidency, the college was
34 reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
35 Commission on Colleges with no recommendations for improvement;
36 the college's associate degree programs in dental hygiene and
37 emergency medical services were recertified with national
38 accreditation, again without recommendations for improvement;
39 and financial audits of the college and the Law Enforcement and
40 Corrections Academy housed within the college earned perfect
41 reviews, and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson also served as the Chair of the
43 Florida College System Council of Presidents, as the Policy and
44 Advocacy Chair for the Florida College System Council, and as
45 both President and Vice President of the Florida Association of
46 Colleges and Universities, while maintaining her membership in
47 the American Association of University Women, and

48 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson held national positions, including
49 participant, committee member, and President of the American
50 Association of Community Colleges President's Academy; member of
51 the Board of Directors for the Southern Association of Colleges
52 and Schools Commission on Colleges; and master presenter at the

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53 National Institute for Staff and Organization Development, NOW,
54 THEREFORE,

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

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59 That we honor Katherine M. Johnson, Ed.D., as she retires
60 from her position as Pasco-Hernando State College's third
61 president and recognize her lifetime achievements as an
62 educator, administrator, and public servant.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
64 presented to Kathrine M. Johnson, Ed.D., as a tangible token of
65 the sentiments expressed herein.