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H. RES. 164

Recognizing Dr. Elmira Mangum as the first female president of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. NUGENT, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Dr. Elmira Mangum as the first female president of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University.

Whereas Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) was founded on October 3, 1887, as the State Normal College for Colored Students at Tallahassee with 15 students and 2 instructors;

Whereas FAMU was established as an 1890 land-grant institution dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, resolution of complex issues, and the empowerment of citizens and communities;

Whereas the institution has gone by 3 other names prior to becoming Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU) in 1953, and remains the only historically black

university in the 12-member State University System of Florida;

Whereas FAMU students have a legacy of social involvement, including the boycott of Tallahassee buses that successfully integrated the city's public transportation system;

Whereas FAMU now boasts approximately 11,000 students and 700 faculty members, and has had 10 men serve as presidents during the institution's 127-year history;

Whereas Dr. Elmira Mangum has a 28-year history as a higher education administrator, ranging from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Buffalo to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Cornell University;

Whereas Dr. Mangum holds a Master's in Public Policy and Public Administration, a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy;

Whereas Dr. Mangum has taught higher education administration, leadership theory and practice, and financial management;

Whereas Dr. Mangum was in the inaugural class of the Millennium Leadership Institute, attended the Harvard Graduate School of Education Management Development Program, and Cornell's Administrative Management Institute;

Whereas Dr. Mangum is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., a historically black Greek-lettered organization that promotes scholarship, sisterly love, service, and finer womanhood;

Whereas Dr. Mangum was selected as the first permanent female president in the 127-year history of FAMU;

Whereas Dr. Mangum has made tremendous strides to advance the legacy of FAMU with forward thinking plans, such as her Sustainability Initiative, which will provide research-based solutions to the world's socio-economic and environmental problems, and strengthening FAMU's STEM programs, which are the hallmark of academia;

Whereas Dr. Mangum has consistently articulated resourceful, innovative ideas for Black college survival; and

Whereas our Nation must remain committed to celebrating the accomplishments and advancements of women: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes Dr. Elmira Mangum for being
3 selected as the first female permanent president of
4 Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University;

5 (2) acknowledges the significance of Florida
6 Agricultural & Mechanical University in the history
7 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and
8 the civil rights movement; and

9 (3) emphasizes the importance of celebrating
10 the accomplishments of trailblazers across the coun-
11 try, such as Dr. Elmira Mangum.

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