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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution designating March 16, 1998, as FSU  
Day in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State  
University is the oldest continuous site of higher education  
in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University (FSU) was founded as  
an institution of higher learning in 1851 by legislative act  
and began enrolling students at Tallahassee in 1857, and

WHEREAS, spring 1998 marks the fiftieth anniversary of  
the ratification of the Florida State University Constitution  
by its faculty, an act that set the institution on course  
toward its present standing as a bastion of the liberal arts,  
and

WHEREAS, more than 197,000 men and women have graduated  
from Florida State University, and its success as an  
institution is reflected in the success of those graduates  
around the world, and

WHEREAS, the university's mission emphasizes teaching,  
research, and public service, and its students study in 16  
colleges and schools, which offer undergraduate and graduate  
degrees in more than 342 fields, and

WHEREAS, U.S. News and World Report ranked Florida  
State University the "most efficient university" for the  
second year in a row in its 1998 "America's Best Colleges"  
issue, and

WHEREAS, the graduation rate at Florida State  
University is well above the national average and is the best  
among Florida's state universities, and

1           WHEREAS, while developing internationally recognized  
2 programs in the fine arts and performing arts and in the basic  
3 sciences and social sciences, Florida State University has  
4 also developed strong student-life programs, including one of  
5 the major intercollegiate athletic programs in the country,  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, FSU alumni currently serving in the Florida  
8 Senate include Senators W.D. Childers, Pensacola; Charlie  
9 Crist, St. Petersburg; John Grant, Tampa; Jim Horne,  
10 Jacksonville; John McKay, Bradenton; and Charles D. Williams,  
11 Jr., Tallahassee, and

12           WHEREAS, FSU alumni also include current  
13 Representatives Keith Arnold, Ft. Myers; Cynthia Chestnut,  
14 Gainesville; Greg Allen Gay, Cape Coral; Debbie Horan, Key  
15 West; Everett Kelly, Tavares; Jim King, Jacksonville; Al  
16 Lawson, Tallahassee; Sharon Merchant, Palm Beach Gardens;  
17 Beryl Roberts-Burke, Carol City; John Thrasher, Orange Park;  
18 and J. Alex Villalobos, Miami, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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22           That March 16, 1998, is designated as FSU Day in  
23 Tallahassee.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
25 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Sandy  
26 D'Alemberte, President of Florida State University, as a  
27 tangible token of the esteem of the Florida Senate.

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