

By Representatives King, Thrasher, Merchant, Arnold,  
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1   House Resolution  
2            A resolution designating March 16, 1998, as  
3            F.S.U. Day.  
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5            WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus at Florida State  
6            University is the oldest continuous site of higher education  
7            in Florida, and  
8            WHEREAS, Florida State University was founded as an  
9            institution of higher learning in 1851 by a legislative act  
10           and began in Tallahassee with its first students in 1857, and  
11            WHEREAS, spring 1998 marks the fiftieth anniversary of  
12           the ratification of the Florida State University Constitution  
13           by its faculty, setting the institution on course toward its  
14           present standing as a bastion of the Liberal Arts, and  
15            WHEREAS, over 197,000 men and women have graduated from  
16           Florida State University and its success as an institution is  
17           reflected in the success of these graduates around the world,  
18           and  
19            WHEREAS, the university's mission emphasizes teaching,  
20           research, and public service with 16 colleges and schools,  
21           offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in over 342  
22           fields, and  
23            WHEREAS, U.S. News and World Report ranked Florida  
24           State University the "most efficient university" for the  
25           second year in a row in its 1998 "America's Best Colleges"  
26           issue, and  
27            WHEREAS, Florida State University's graduation rate is  
28           well above the national average and the best among Florida's  
29           state universities, and  
30            WHEREAS, while developing internationally recognized  
31           programs in the Fine and Performing Arts and in the Basic and

1 Social Sciences, Florida State University has also developed  
2 strong student life programs including one of the major  
3 Intercollegiate Athletic programs in the country, NOW,  
4 THEREFORE,

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

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9 That the House of Representatives hereby designates  
10 March 16, 1998, as F.S.U. Day and recognizes Florida State  
11 University as the oldest continuous site of higher education  
12 in the State of Florida and an outstanding institution of  
13 higher education.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution  
15 be presented to Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, President of  
16 Florida State University, as a tangible token of the  
17 sentiments expressed herein.

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