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Senate Resolution No. _____

A resolution recognizing March 29, 2001, as
"F.S.U. Day in Tallahassee."

WHEREAS, the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Florida State University was observed on January 24, 2001, and will be celebrated throughout 2001, the 150th year after the institution's establishment by the Legislature, in 1851, as the Seminary West of the Suwannee River, and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of the Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and was the site of the state's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Florida State University was designated as a "Research I" institution by the Carnegie Foundation, placing Florida State in an elite group of the nation's top research universities, and

WHEREAS, the solid foundation for this "Research I" university was laid through the institution's role as the state's first liberal arts college, which grew into the Florida State College for Women, the nation's second-largest state college for women recognized by the Association of American Universities in 1924, and

WHEREAS, today the university's mission emphasizes teaching, research, and public service, with 17 independent colleges and schools, the newest being the College of Medicine, and

WHEREAS, with graduate and undergraduate degrees offered in more than 570 programs, many of which are nationally recognized, the Florida State University's

1 comprehensive offerings prepare students for graduate school,
2 professional degree programs, and successful careers, and

3 WHEREAS, as Florida's most "wired" campus and a leader
4 in the use of new technologies, the Florida State University
5 is setting the standard for distance learning and the use of
6 technology in the classroom and campus-wide, allowing
7 professors and students to share research with colleagues and
8 students around the world, and

9 WHEREAS, the Florida State University is ranked third
10 nationally in revenues generated from scientific research and
11 discoveries, and its research foundation continues to grow at
12 an unprecedented rate, and

13 WHEREAS, well-rounded and successful graduates have
14 taken advantage of the Florida State University's high-quality
15 academics and research; gained service, social, and leadership
16 skills; and prepared themselves to take meaningful roles in
17 society, and

18 WHEREAS, the Florida State University has a long and
19 continuing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural
20 diversity on its campus through aggressive recruitment of
21 diverse groups of students making the college experience more
22 enriching for its students, and

23 WHEREAS, the Florida State University has a strong
24 reputation in the fine and performing arts, having developed
25 distinguished programs in theatre, music, dance, and film, and
26 has established a statewide presence with the Asolo Theatre,
27 the Ringling Museum, and the Appleton Museum, and

28 WHEREAS, the Florida State University continues to be a
29 tremendous source of pride for its students, faculty, alumni,
30 friends, and administrators, as well as for all citizens of
31 the State of Florida, and

1 WHEREAS, with its strong history as a liberal arts
2 college, commitment to undergraduate education, and extensive
3 and distinguished research in facilities such as the National
4 High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the Florida State University
5 is truly on the "cutting edge" of higher education, and

6 WHEREAS, in recognition of the Florida State
7 University's 150 years of achievement and looking ahead to its
8 promising future, it is fitting and appropriate that the
9 Senate of the State of Florida recognize March 29, 2001, as
10 "F.S.U. Day in Tallahassee," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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14 That the Florida Senate recognizes March 29, 2001, as
15 "F.S.U. Day in Tallahassee" in recognition of the Florida
16 State University's 150 years as an outstanding institution of
17 higher education.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
19 be presented to Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, President of the
20 Florida State University, as a tangible token of the
21 sentiments of the Florida Senate.