

By Senators Holzendorf, Lawson, Dawson, Jones, Miller, Peaden, Bronson, Mitchell, Rossin and Meek

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution honoring Dr. Frederick S.
3 Humphries for his achievements as an
4 educational leader.

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6 WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, a native of
7 Apalachicola, graduated from Wallace McQuinn High School in
8 Apalachicola; Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University,
9 magna cum laude; and the University of Pittsburgh with a Ph.D.
10 in Physical Chemistry, and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries has received honorary doctorates
12 from Vincennes University of Indiana, Thomas A. Edison State
13 College, and Atlantic College and Theological Seminary,
14 Nassau, Bahamas, and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries served as the President of
16 Tennessee State University from 1974-1985, and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries has been the recipient of
18 several academic honors, including Most Outstanding
19 Personalities in the South, National Urban League Fellow, and
20 Distinguished Military Science Graduate, and

21 WHEREAS, with his wife, Antoinette, he has raised three
22 children, Frederick Stephen Humphries, Jr., Robin Tanya
23 (Humphries) Watson and Lawrence Anthony Humphries, and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries served as the eighth president
25 of his alma mater, during which time FAMU was selected as the
26 TIME Magazine-Princeton Review "College of the Year" and was
27 featured in Black Issues in Higher Education as the nation's
28 number one graduator of African-Americans with baccalaureate
29 degrees, surpassing Harvard in 1992, 1995, and 1997, becoming
30 the leader in the recruitment of National Achievement

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1 Scholars, America's best and brightest students, and in 2000,
2 tied with Harvard as the top recruiter of these students, and
3 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries has served as chair of the State
4 Board of Education Advisory Committee on the Education of
5 Blacks in Florida, the Board of Regents, Five-Year Working
6 Group for Agriculture, State University System of Florida, a
7 member of the Advisory Council to the Panhandle Regional
8 Center of Excellence in Mathematics, Science, Computers, and
9 Technology, Florida A&M University and the University of West
10 Florida, and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries launched several initiatives
12 that have received national recognition, such as the Graduate
13 Feeder Program, an innovative approach to increasing the
14 number of minorities attending graduate school; the
15 Life-Gets-Better Scholarship, called by many the best
16 scholarship in the country for academically talented students;
17 and a creative recruitment program that has made FAMU one of
18 the fastest growing universities in the country, and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries has restored the College of Law
20 at FAMU and increased the number of minorities with Ph.D.'s in
21 the science-related fields, and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries has served on the board of
23 directors of not fewer than 20 boards, including the
24 Commission on the Future of the South, the White House Science
25 and Technology Advisory Committee, the National Association of
26 State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (member and chair
27 of the board), and the National Association for Equal
28 Opportunity in Higher Education (member and chair of the
29 board), and

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1 WHEREAS, as a result of his leadership, the university
2 plans to offer new Ph.D. programs in physics, computer
3 science, chemistry, and biology by 2004, and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Humphries is responsible for FAMU's
5 receipt of more than \$130 million in construction that has
6 occurred under his leadership, including a General Classroom
7 Building; Science Research Building; an east-wing expansion to
8 the School of Business; expansion of the FAMU/FSU College of
9 Engineering; a Student Services Center, including food service
10 and bookstore facilities, administrative offices, and a
11 400-car Parking Garage; a 360-bed expansion at the Palmetto
12 Housing Complex; and the Foster Tanner Complex expansion, and

13 WHEREAS, as a result of his achievements as an
14 educational leader, Dr. Humphries has been the recipient of
15 numerous awards as an educational leader which have won him
16 significant honors, including the "Floridian of the Year
17 Award," 1990 Thurgood Marshall Educational Achievement Award,
18 and the University of Pittsburgh Bicentennial Medal of
19 Distinction, and most recently he received a special tribute
20 during the 2001 Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., Annual
21 Trumpet Awards and the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award at the
22 15th Annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference, NOW,
23 THEREFORE,

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

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27 That the Florida Senate commends Dr. Frederick S.
28 Humphries for his many achievements and his dedicated service
29 as the eighth president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
30 University.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
2 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr.
3 Humphries as a tangible token of the high esteem in which he
4 is held by the Florida Senate.
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