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

2 A resolution celebrating April 18, 2001, as

3 "University of Florida Day."  
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5 WHEREAS, the state's oldest land-grant university and  
6 its largest university, the University of Florida was the  
7 first Florida institution to achieve university status, is the  
8 most comprehensive university in the state, and is one of the  
9 three most academically diverse universities in the nation,  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the University of Florida is the state's only  
12 member of the Association of American Universities, is the  
13 only university with extension programs in every county of the  
14 state plus the Seminole Tribe, has awarded more than 300,000  
15 degrees, with an estimated 150,000 alumni currently living and  
16 working in Florida, and is exceeded by only two other public  
17 universities in the nation in the number of National Merit  
18 Scholars to its credit, and

19 WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Health Science  
20 Center is the most all-inclusive academic health center in the  
21 Southeast, and, through its Institute of Food and Agricultural  
22 Sciences, the university reaches a million and a half  
23 participants throughout the state, thanks to more than 50,000  
24 volunteers in the areas of urban horticulture, youth and  
25 family development, nutrition education, and natural resources  
26 enhancement, and

27 WHEREAS, the University of Florida has just concluded a  
28 five-year "It's Performance that Counts" campaign that raised  
29 more than \$850 million toward the furtherance of academic  
30 excellence, has been awarded \$339 million in funding for  
31 sponsored research, and has a total annual impact on the state

1 of almost \$3.2 billion, more than six times the \$511 million  
2 comprising the state's investment in the university, NOW  
3 THEREFORE,

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

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7 That the Florida Senate pauses in its deliberations to  
8 recognize the University of Florida for its superlative  
9 accomplishments in the State of Florida and to celebrate April  
10 18, 2001, as "University of Florida Day."

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