

By Representative Bense

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 29, 2001, as  
3 F.S.U. Day.

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5 WHEREAS, the sesquicentennial anniversary of Florida  
6 State University was observed on January 24, 2001, and will be  
7 celebrated throughout 2001, the 150th year after its  
8 establishment by the Legislature in 1851 as the Seminary West  
9 of the Suwanee River, and

10 WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State  
11 University is the oldest continuous site of higher education  
12 in Florida and is home to the state's first chapter of Phi  
13 Beta Kappa, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida State University is ranked third  
15 nationally in revenues generated from scientific research and  
16 discoveries and, in 1994, was designated as a "Research I"  
17 institution by the Carnegie Foundation, thus placing Florida  
18 State in an elite group of the nation's top research  
19 universities, and

20 WHEREAS, today the university's mission emphasizes  
21 teaching, research, and public service, with 17 independent  
22 colleges and schools, the newest being the College of  
23 Medicine, and offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in  
24 over 570 fields, many of which are nationally recognized  
25 programs, and

26 WHEREAS, as Florida's most "wired" campus and a leader  
27 in the use of new technologies, Florida State University is  
28 setting the standard for distance learning and utilizing  
29 technology in the classroom and campuswide, and

30 WHEREAS, with a long-continuing tradition of promoting  
31 racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, along with aggressive

1 recruitment of diverse groups of students, the university has  
2 made the college experience an enriching one for its students  
3 and continues to be a tremendous source of pride for its  
4 students, faculty, alumni, friends, and administrators, as  
5 well as for all citizens of the state, and

6 WHEREAS, Florida State University has a strong  
7 reputation in the fine and performing arts, having developed  
8 distinguished programs in theatre, music, dance, and film, and  
9 has established a statewide presence with the Asolo Theatre,  
10 the Ringling Museum, and the Appleton Museum, and

11 WHEREAS, with its strong history as a liberal arts  
12 college, commitment to undergraduate education, and extensive  
13 and distinguished research in facilities such as the National  
14 High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University is  
15 truly on the cutting edge of higher education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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17 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
18 Florida:

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20 That the House of Representatives hereby designates  
21 March 29, 2001, as F.S.U. Day in Tallahassee in recognition of  
22 Florida State University's 150 years as an outstanding  
23 institution of higher education.

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

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