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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution celebrating April 2, 2003, as
"F.S.U. Day."

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and holds 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, thus 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 its 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, with coursework first taught in the late 1800's, and

WHEREAS, with graduate and undergraduate degrees offered in more than 549 fields, many of which are nationally recognized programs, Florida State University's comprehensive offerings prepare students for graduate school, professional degree programs, or successful careers, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is a leader in the use of new technologies, setting the standard for distance learning and using technology in the classroom as well as

1 campus-wide, which allows professors and students to share
2 research with colleagues and students around the world, and

3 WHEREAS, Florida State University consistently ranks
4 among the top four universities nationally in revenues
5 generated from scientific research and discoveries, which
6 ranking is an indicator of the university's successful
7 commercialization efforts; and the research foundation
8 continues to grow, and

9 WHEREAS, well-rounded and successful graduates have
10 taken advantage of Florida State University's high-quality
11 academics and research and have gained service, social, and
12 leadership skills and have prepared themselves to take a
13 meaningful role in society, and

14 WHEREAS, through a long-continuing tradition of
15 promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity on its
16 campus, along with the aggressive recruitment of diverse
17 groups of students, the college experience has become more
18 enriching for Florida State University students, and

19 WHEREAS, Florida State University is a national leader
20 in international education, with more than 40 years of
21 experience abroad and 37 programs, including four year-round
22 study centers in England, Italy, Spain, and Panama, plus a
23 panorama of summer programs in locations such as Costa Rica,
24 Croatia, the Czech Republic, South Africa, France, and
25 Ireland, and

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

30 WHEREAS, with its strong history as a liberal arts
31 college, commitment to undergraduate education, and extensive

1 and distinguished research in facilities such as the National
2 High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University is
3 truly on the cutting edge of higher education, NOW, 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 celebrates April 2, 2003, as
8 "F.S.U. Day" in Tallahassee, in honor of Florida State
9 University's contribution as an outstanding institution of
10 higher education.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
12 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr. T. K.
13 Wetherell, President of Florida State University, as a
14 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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