

HR 9073 2003

House Resolution

A resolution designating April 2, 2003, as "F.S.U. Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, with its Tallahassee campus the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and home to the state's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the Florida State University is the first liberal arts college in the state, an institution that 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, with coursework first taught in the late 1800's, Florida State University emphasizes teaching, research, and public service through its 17 independent colleges and schools, the newest being the College of Medicine, and offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in 549 fields, many of which are nationally recognized programs, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is a national leader in international education, with more than 40 years' experience abroad and 37 programs, including four year-round study centers in England, Italy, Spain, and Panama, as well as a broad range of summer programs in places such as Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, South Africa, France, and Ireland, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University became part of an elite group of the nation's top research universities in 1994 when the Carnegie Foundation designated it a "Research I" institution and, with a continuously growing research foundation, consistently ranks among the top four universities nationally in revenues generated from scientific research and discoveries, and



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WHEREAS, a long, continuing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity on its campus, coupled with aggressive recruitment of diverse groups of students, has indeed resulted in an enriching college experience for Florida State University students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives proudly designates April 2, 2003, as "F.S.U. Day" in Tallahassee in recognition of Florida State University's outstanding contributions as one of the nation's leading institutions of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. T. K. Wetherell as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.