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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 20, 2004, as
Florida State University 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, 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, and

WHEREAS, with graduate and undergraduate degrees
offered in 565 fields, many of which are nationally recognized
programs, Florida State University's comprehensive offerings
prepare students for graduate school, professional degree
programs, and successful careers, and

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

1 as campuswide, 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 in the nation in revenues
5 generated from scientific research and discoveries, an
6 indicator of the university's successful commercialization
7 efforts, and its research foundation continues to grow, and

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, with its strong history as a liberal arts
30 college, commitment to undergraduate education, and extensive
31 and distinguished research in facilities such as the National

1 High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University is
2 truly on the cutting edge of higher education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6 That April 20, 2004, is recognized as Florida State
7 University Day in Tallahassee, in recognition of Florida State
8 University's contributions as an outstanding institution of
9 higher education.

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

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