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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing March 23, 2005, as "FAMU Day."

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida A&M University (FAMU) is the oldest coeducational, land-grant institution of higher learning in the State University System, and

WHEREAS, FAMU was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is a 4-year, historically black university, offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, which seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups, and

WHEREAS, FAMU provides immeasurable educational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for young men and women, and

WHEREAS, the university's academic components consists of 13 colleges and schools and two institutes: Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Allied Health Sciences, Architecture, Business and Industry, General Studies, Journalism and Graphic Communication, Nursing, Law, Graduate Studies and Research, the Environmental Sciences Institute, and the Institute of Public Health, and

WHEREAS, FAMU offers undergraduate and graduate programs that are designed to meet the needs of a diverse population of students, awarding baccalaureate degrees in 63 disciplines, master's degrees in 36 disciplines, and the doctor of philosophy degree in 11 disciplines - educational

1 leadership; environmental science; biomedical, chemical,
2 civil, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering;
3 pharmacy; physics; and entomology in cooperation with the
4 University of Florida - and two professional degrees in law
5 and pharmacy, and

6 WHEREAS, FAMU is the top producer of African Americans
7 with baccalaureate degrees, the top producer of black
8 educators, and one of the top recruiters of National Merit
9 Scholars in the country, and its College of Pharmacy and
10 Pharmaceutical Sciences was ranked first in the southeast and
11 third nationwide in funding by National Institute of Health,
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13 WHEREAS, FAMU won the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge
14 Team Championships in 1991, 1996, 1998, 1999, and 2003, and

15 WHEREAS, the Marching "100" participated in the
16 pre-game show, performing before more than 79,000 fans, at
17 Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, Florida, and

18 WHEREAS, the FAMU Women's Volleyball Team won the 2004
19 MEAC Championship and was ranked No. 25 in the nation in
20 Division I, head coach Tony Trifonov earned MEAC Coach of the
21 Year and Outstanding Tournament Coach honors, and FAMU had
22 four players named to the All-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
23 All-Star first team and four players named to the MEAC
24 All-Team Tournament, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That the Senate recognizes March 23, 2005, as "FAMU
29 Day" in Tallahassee, in recognition of Florida Agricultural
30 and Mechanical University's contributions as an outstanding
31 institution of higher education.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
2 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr.
3 Castell Vaughn Bryant, Interim President of Florida
4 Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of
5 the sentiments of the Florida Senate.
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