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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 22, 2007, as "F.S.U. Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in this state and holds the state's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Florida State University joined an elite group of the nation's top research universities when the Carnegie Foundation designated it a "Research I" institution, and

WHEREAS, today, Florida State University offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in 304 programs within 17 independent colleges and schools, with a faculty that has included 12 National Academy of Sciences members and 6 Nobel Laureates and that currently comprises 2,291 members, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University houses the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the largest and highest powered magnet laboratory in the world, which conducts research into the frontiers of science and engineering technologies for a new century, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is home to the winningest coach in major college football, Bobby Bowden; head baseball coach Mike Martin; and Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, all of whom were recently honored with induction into national sports halls of fame, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University has an expanding presence statewide with the opening of regional College of Medicine

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campuses in Daytona Beach and Fort Pierce, which are in addition to its other satellite campuses in Sarasota, home to the university's Ringling Center for the Cultural Arts, and in Panama City, and

WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the lives of Florida State University students due to the university's longstanding tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity on its campuses along with the aggressive recruitment of diverse groups of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives designates March 22, 2007, as "F.S.U. Day" in Florida in recognition of Florida State University's contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education.

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

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