

By Senator Lawson

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 19, 2008, as "FAMU Day" at the Florida Legislature.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (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 and graduate programs that seek qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups, and

WHEREAS, for more than 120 years FAMU has provided educational opportunities that have enhanced the quality of life for young men and women from Florida and around the globe, and

WHEREAS, the University consists of 13 colleges and schools as well as 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, today more African American students earn bachelor's degrees at FAMU than at any other American university, and FAMU is the leading producer of African American PhD's in Physics, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is the nation's top producer of black pharmacists, and the pharmacy program led the state and the nation in 2007 with its 100 percent passage rate on the North

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30 American Pharmacy Licensure Examination, and

31 WHEREAS, the FAMU faculty has more than 300 active grants  
32 and contracts from federal, state, and private sources,  
33 representing research, community service, and scholarly projects,  
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35 WHEREAS, Business Week Magazine recently recognized FAMU as  
36 one of the "Most Innovative Colleges" in the country in the area  
37 of technology transfer, and

38 WHEREAS, FAMU MBA students won first place at the 2007  
39 National Black MBA Association Case Competition, besting teams  
40 from Columbia University and the University of Chicago, and

41 WHEREAS, in November 2007, FAMU captured its seventh  
42 consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Volleyball  
43 Championship title, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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47 That the Florida Senate recognizes March 19, 2008, as "FAMU  
48 Day" in the Florida Legislature in recognition of Florida  
49 Agricultural and Mechanical University's contributions as an  
50 outstanding institution of higher education.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, with  
52 the seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr. James H.  
53 Ammons, President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
54 University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
55 Senate.