By Senator Lawson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 6, 2010, as "FSU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in this state and is home to Florida's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which was chartered in 1935, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Florida State University joined an elite group of the nation's top research universities by receiving the designation as a "Research I" institution by the Carnegie Foundation, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in 322 program areas within 15 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,268, which has included 12 National Academy of Sciences members and six Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, since Florida State University opened the Office of National Fellowships in January 2005, FSU students have won more than 40 nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships, including three Rhodes Scholarships, three Truman Scholarships, three Goldwater Scholarships, the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, the Udall Scholarship, and 22 Fulbright Fellowships, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University houses the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, which uses the world's most powerful magnet to conduct research on the frontiers of science and engineering technologies for a new century, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University established the Institute

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for Energy Systems, Economics, and Sustainability, a public resource that unites researchers from the disciplines of engineering, natural sciences, law, urban and regional planning, geography, and economics to address sustainability and alternative power issues, thereby leading to more informed governance, economics, and decisionmaking, and

WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine, with its statewide network of more than 1,500 physician-faculty members, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary as the nation's newest fully accredited medical school, and is fulfilling its unique statutory mission to develop patient-centered physicians for elderly, rural, minority, underserved, and other Floridians, and

WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the lives of Florida State University students due to the long-standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity on its campuses, along with the aggressive recruitment of diverse groups of students, and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2010, Florida State University welcomed FSU alumnus Eric Barron, Ph.D., as its 14th President, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 6, 2010, is recognized as "FSU Day" in Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Florida State
University President Eric Barron, Ph.D., as a tangible token of
the sentiments of the Florida Senate.