

By Senator Smith

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 12, 2011, as "FSU Day"  
3 in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University  
6 is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and  
7 holds the state's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which was  
8 chartered in 1935, and

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

13 WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate and  
14 undergraduate degrees in 322 program areas within 15 independent  
15 colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,285, which has  
16 included 12 National Academy of Sciences members and 5 Nobel  
17 Laureates, and

18 WHEREAS, since its inception in the spring of 2005, the  
19 Florida State University Office of National Fellowships has  
20 mentored some of the university's brightest students, assisting  
21 them in winning more than 80 nationally competitive awards,  
22 including three Rhodes Scholarships, three Truman Scholarships,  
23 five Goldwater Scholarships, five Hollings Scholarships, three  
24 Pickering Fellowships, and thirty-six Fulbright Scholarships,  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Florida State University is the headquarters for  
27 the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, which designs,  
28 builds, and operates the world's most powerful research magnets,  
29 attracting more than 700 scientists from across the globe and

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30 pushing the frontiers of science and engineering, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida State University established the Institute  
32 for Energy Systems, Economics and Sustainability, a public  
33 resource that unites researchers from the disciplines of  
34 engineering, natural sciences, law, urban and regional planning,  
35 geography, and economics to address sustainability and  
36 alternative power issues, thereby leading to more informed  
37 governance, economics, and decisionmaking, and

38 WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine,  
39 with its statewide network of more than 1,800 physician-faculty  
40 members, is celebrating its full enrollment of 480 students and  
41 is fulfilling its unique statutory mission to develop patient-  
42 centered physicians for elderly, rural, minority, underserved,  
43 and other Floridians, and

44 WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the  
45 lives of Florida State University students due to the long-  
46 standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural  
47 diversity on its campus, along with the aggressive recruitment  
48 of diverse groups of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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52 That April 12, 2011, is recognized as "FSU Day" in Florida.

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