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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 12, 2011, as "Florida State University Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the main campus of Florida State University is located in Tallahassee on the oldest continuous site of higher education in the state and hosts the state's oldest chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, chartered in 1935, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University was designated a "Research I" doctoral-granting institution in 1994 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, joining an elite group of the nation's top research universities, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in 322 programs within 15 independent colleges and schools that are taught by 2,285 faculty members, which has included 12 National Academy of Sciences members and five Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University established its Office of National Fellowships in January 2005 and, since that date, its students have been awarded more than 80 nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships, including three Rhodes scholarships, three Truman scholarships, five Goldwater scholarships, five Hollings scholarships, three Pickering fellowships, and 36 Fulbright scholarships, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is home to the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, where the world's most powerful magnet is used for research in unexplored areas of science and in engineering technologies for a new century, and

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WHEREAS, Florida State University established the Institute for Energy Systems, Economics, and Sustainability, which is a public resource that unites researchers from the disciplines of engineering, the natural sciences, law, urban and regional planning, geography, and economics to generate research leading to the development of a successful sustainable energy strategy for the state, and

WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine, together with its statewide network of more than 1,500 physician-faculty members, is celebrating its 11th anniversary as the nation's newest fully accredited medical school as it continues to fulfill its unique statutory mission of training patient-centered physicians for elder, rural, minority, underserved, and other populations of the state, and

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

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2010, Florida State University welcomed its alumnus, Dr. Eric J. Barron, as the university's 14th president, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 12, 2011, is designated as "Florida State University Day" in Florida in recognition of Florida State

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University's contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education.

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