

By Senator Smith

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 7, 2012, as "FSU Day" in Florida and celebrating Florida State University's contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and holds the state'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 in achieving designation as a "Research I" institution by the Carnegie Foundation, and

WHEREAS, today, Florida State University offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in 324 programs within 16 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,306, which has included 12 National Academy of Sciences members and six Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, the freshman class entering Florida State University in the 2011 Fall semester was one of the most academically accomplished freshman classes in the university's history, with an average high school GPA of 3.9, an average SAT score of 1850, and an average composite ACT score of 27, and

WHEREAS, the academic accomplishments of accepted honors students entering Florida State University in the 2011 Fall semester are even more impressive, with an average high school GPA of 4.3, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is the headquarters for

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30 the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL), which  
31 designs, builds, and operates the world's most powerful research  
32 magnets, attracting more than 700 scientists from across the  
33 globe and pushing the frontiers of science and engineering, and  
34 realizing a return of \$5.17 for every dollar invested by the  
35 taxpayers of this state, and

36 WHEREAS, the Florida State University Veterans Center was  
37 opened as part of the university's efforts to become the most  
38 veteran-friendly campus in the nation, with its Veterans House  
39 serving as the focal point for all campus veteran resources,  
40 academic advising, orientation and transition programming,  
41 personal and rehabilitative support services, and assistance  
42 with United States Department of Veterans Affairs' educational  
43 benefits and certification, and

44 WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine  
45 launched a statewide clinical research network that now includes  
46 more than 1,900 Florida physicians and more than three million  
47 patients in the effort to improve health care outcomes for all  
48 Floridians, and

49 WHEREAS, Florida State University College of Medicine  
50 alumni in 2012 entered into practice in communities that have a  
51 significant need for more physicians, including Bonifay,  
52 Blountstown, Clermont, and Marianna, and 70 percent of the  
53 college's graduates who practice in this state are primary care  
54 physicians, ensuring that the state has more physicians  
55 practicing in areas of practice having significant need, and

56 WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the  
57 lives of Florida State University students due to its long-  
58 standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural

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59 diversity on campus, along with the aggressive recruitment of  
60 diverse groups of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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64 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize February  
65 7, 2012, as "FSU Day" in Florida and celebrate Florida State  
66 University's contribution as an outstanding institution of  
67 higher education.

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