

By Senator Smith

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2, 2013, as "FSU Day" in Florida.

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, the Florida State University joined an elite group of the nation's top research universities, being designated 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 1,737 members, which has included 12 National Academy of Sciences members and six Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, the freshman class entering Florida State University in the 2012 fall semester was one of the most academically accomplished freshman classes in the university's history, with an average high school GPA of 4.01, an average SAT score of 1,881, and an average composite ACT score of 28.2, and

WHEREAS, academic accomplishments of accepted honors students entering Florida State University in the 2012 fall semester are even more impressive, with an average high school GPA of 4.35, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University was ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the nation's "most efficient" university, a recognition of the university's excellence in devoting its

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30 resources to student instruction, research, student services,
31 and other related areas, and

32 WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine
33 generates nearly \$1 billion in economic activity in Florida
34 every 6 years and has produced alumni practicing in numerous
35 rural communities, including Arcadia, Bonifay, Blountstown,
36 Clermont, Crestview, Marianna, Perry, and Winter Haven, which
37 traditionally have faced difficulty in recruiting new
38 physicians, and

39 WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the
40 lives of Florida State University students due to its long-
41 standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural
42 diversity on campus, along with the aggressive recruitment of
43 diverse groups of students, 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 members of the Florida Senate recognize April 2,
48 2013, as "FSU Day" in Florida, and celebrate Florida State
49 University's contribution as an outstanding institution of
50 higher education.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Florida State University President Eric J. Barron,
53 Ph.D., as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed in this
54 resolution.