

By Senator Thrasher

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 1, 2014, 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, 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 314 programs within 16 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,094 members, which has included 17 National Academy of Sciences members and 6 Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, the freshman class entering Florida State University in the Fall of 2013 was one of the most academically accomplished freshman classes in the university's history, with an average high school GPA of 4.0, an average SAT score of 1,830, and an average composite ACT score of 28, and

WHEREAS, the academic accomplishments of accepted honors students entering Florida State University in the 2013 fall semester are even more impressive, with an average high school GPA of 4.4, an average SAT score of 1,958, and an average composite ACT score of 30, and

WHEREAS, in 2014, for the second consecutive year, Florida State University was ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the

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30 nation's "Most Efficient" university, a recognition of the  
31 university's efforts to provide the highest quality education  
32 with limited or reduced resources and its excellence in devoting  
33 these resources to student instruction, research, student  
34 services, and other related areas, and

35 WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine  
36 celebrated placing its 100th new alumni physician in this state,  
37 with 60 percent of these graduates practicing primary care and  
38 22 percent caring for patients from rural communities, and

39 WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine  
40 has launched a unique, statewide Clinical Research Network with  
41 the potential to involve a more representative sample of  
42 patients accurately reflecting Florida's diverse population, and

43 WHEREAS, the Florida State University football team capped  
44 a historic 2013 season by winning its third Bowl Championship  
45 Series National Championship and producing its third Heisman  
46 Memorial Trophy winner, quarterback Jameis Winston, and

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

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

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55 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize April 1,  
56 2014, as "FSU Day" in Florida, and celebrate Florida State  
57 University's contribution as an outstanding institution of  
58 higher education.

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59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
60 presented to Florida State University Interim President Garnett  
61 Stokes, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed in this  
62 resolution.