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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 1, 2014, 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, being
11 designated as a "Research I" institution by the Carnegie
12 Foundation, and

13 WHEREAS, today, Florida State University offers graduate
14 and undergraduate degrees in 314 programs within 16 independent
15 colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,094 members,
16 which has included 17 National Academy of Sciences members and 6
17 Nobel Laureates, and

18 WHEREAS, the freshman class entering Florida State
19 University in the Fall of 2013 was one of the most academically
20 accomplished freshman classes in the university's history, with
21 an average high school GPA of 4.0, an average SAT score of
22 1,830, and an average composite ACT score of 28, and

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

28 WHEREAS, in 2014, for the second consecutive year, Florida
29 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.