

By Senators Joyner, Bullard, and Montford

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 26, 2014, as "FAMU Day"
3 in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
6 (FAMU) was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in
7 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

8 WHEREAS, FAMU, a historically black university offering
9 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs, seeks qualified
10 students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups
11 and has provided immeasurable educational opportunities for
12 young men and women, and

13 WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of
14 seven colleges, seven schools, and one institute: the colleges
15 of Law; Agriculture and Food Sciences; Science and Technology;
16 Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities; Education; Engineering;
17 and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; the schools of Allied
18 Health Science; Architecture; Business and Industry; the
19 Environment; Graduate Studies and Research; Journalism and
20 Graphic Communication; and Nursing; and the Institute of Public
21 Health, and

22 WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading producer of African-American
23 students earning baccalaureate degrees; a leading producer of
24 Cuban-American pharmacists; and the top producer of African-
25 American pharmacists in the nation, and

26 WHEREAS, FAMU is the nation's third leading producer of
27 African-American Ph.D. graduates in science and engineering, as
28 noted by the National Science Foundation, and

29 WHEREAS, nearly a third of FAMU's student body is pursuing

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30 degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
31 (STEM) or health-related disciplines, and

32 WHEREAS, FAMU was recently recognized by College Database
33 as one of this state's most affordable public universities,
34 producing graduates with the second-highest starting salaries,
35 and

36 WHEREAS, FAMU remains accessible, with 55 percent of its
37 students being first-generation college students and 68 percent
38 being Pell Grant recipients, the most of any Florida public
39 university, and

40 WHEREAS, FAMU's men's and women's cross-country teams won
41 back-to-back Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships in
42 2012 and 2013, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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46 That March 26, 2014, is recognized as "FAMU Day" in
47 Florida.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 presented to Interim President Larry Robinson as a tangible
50 token of the sentiments expressed in this resolution.