

By Senator Montford

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 2, 2016, as "FSU  
3 Day" 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 is home to the state's first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which  
8 was chartered in 1935, and

9 WHEREAS, in 1994, Florida State University joined an elite  
10 group of the nation's top research universities in being  
11 designated as a Research I institution by the Carnegie  
12 Foundation, and

13 WHEREAS, Florida State University's 17 independent colleges  
14 and schools offer graduate and undergraduate degrees in 332  
15 programs, taught by a faculty of 2,408 members, who have  
16 included 17 National Academy of Sciences members and 6 Nobel  
17 Laureates, and

18 WHEREAS, one of the most academically accomplished freshman  
19 classes in Florida State University's history is at the  
20 forefront of the institution's exemplary achievements for the  
21 2015-2016 academic year, and

22 WHEREAS, with an average GPA of 4.0 and an average GPA of  
23 4.4 among honors students, and median SAT scores of 1856, the  
24 nearly 6,200 freshmen who enrolled for the 2015-2016 academic  
25 year elevated Florida State University's academic standing to  
26 new heights, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida State University is proud to be recognized  
28 as a "Preeminent University" by the State of Florida and as a  
29 leader in education, research, student retention, and  
30 graduation, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida State University is a nationally  
32 recognized institution with many of its colleges and programs

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33 ranked among the top 10 in the nation, and

34 WHEREAS, in August 2015, the Florida State University  
35 College of Medicine placed its 200th alumnus physician in  
36 practice in Florida, and

37 WHEREAS, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
38 Government Accountability recently reported that more Florida  
39 State University College of Medicine alumni physicians accept  
40 residencies in primary care specialties than those of any other  
41 Florida medical school, with 84 percent of FSU alumni physicians  
42 pursuing a specialty considered by the state to be in an area of  
43 need for Florida's patients, and

44 WHEREAS, the Florida State University College of Medicine  
45 is accomplishing its mission to produce more physicians to care  
46 for Florida's medically underserved communities, and

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

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

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56 That February 2, 2016, is recognized as "FSU Day" in  
57 Florida in recognition of Florida State University's  
58 contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
60 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Florida State  
61 University President John Thrasher as a tangible token of the

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62 sentiments of the Florida Senate.