

By Senator Braynon

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 4, 2017, as "Florida State University Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University, founded in 1851, is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is proud to be recognized as a Preeminent University by the State of Florida and as a leader in education, research, student retention, and graduation, and is a nationally recognized institution with many of its colleges and programs ranked within the top ten in the nation, and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Florida State University experienced the greatest single-year gain of all the top 50 public research universities in the nation, jumping five places in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings to No. 38, and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News and World Report* also recognized Florida State University as the second most efficient university in the nation based on the university's ability to manage its financial resources while also providing top-quality education, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate, undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 341 programs within 16 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,409 members, which has included National Academy of Sciences members and six Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, for the 2016-2017 academic year, Florida State University has one of the most academically accomplished freshman classes in school history, with an average GPA of 4.1

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30 and median SAT scores of 1848, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida State University has a 4-year graduation  
32 rate of 62 percent, placing the university in the top 15 among  
33 the nation's public research institutions, and

34 WHEREAS, Florida State University is home to the highly  
35 acclaimed College of Motion Picture Arts, and alumnus Barry  
36 Jenkin's film "Moonlight" won the Best Picture award during the  
37 89th annual Academy Awards, where he shared the spotlight with  
38 seven FSU graduates, including five who earned Oscar  
39 nominations, and

40 WHEREAS, the lives of Florida State University students  
41 continue to be enriched as a result of the university's long-  
42 standing and steadfast promotion of racial, ethnic, and cultural  
43 diversity and its commitment to the recruitment of a diverse  
44 group of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That April 4, 2017, is recognized as "Florida State  
49 University Day" in Florida, and the university's standing as an  
50 outstanding institution of higher education is celebrated.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
52 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Florida State  
53 University President John Thrasher as a tangible token of the  
54 sentiments of the Florida Senate.