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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 4, 2017, 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, 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, Florida State University 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 of the top 50 public research universities in the nation in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, rising in rank to number 38 from number 43, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate, undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 351 programs within 16 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,351 members, which has included members of the National Academy of Sciences and six Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, one of the most academically accomplished freshman classes in Florida State University's history is at the

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26 | forefront of the institution's exemplary accomplishments for the
27 | 2016-2017 academic year with an average GPA of 4.1 and a median
28 | SAT score of 1858, and

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

32 | WHEREAS, five graduates of Florida State University's
33 | highly acclaimed College of Motion Picture Arts were nominated
34 | at the 89th annual Academy Awards for their work on alumnus
35 | Barry Jenkins' film "Moonlight," which won the Academy Award for
36 | Best Picture, and

37 | WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the
38 | lives of Florida State University students due to the long-
39 | standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural
40 | diversity on its campus along with the active recruitment of
41 | diverse groups of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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43 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
44 | Florida:

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46 | That April 4, 2017, is designated as "FSU Day" in the State
47 | of Florida in recognition of Florida State University's
48 | contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.

49 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
50 | presented to President John Thrasher, Florida State University,

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51 | as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.