

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 6, 2018, as "FSU Day" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, FSU 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 10 in the nation, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, FSU jumped to No. 33 among national public universities in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings after moving up five places for the second consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, for the sixth consecutive year, *U.S. News and World Report* also recognized FSU as the second most efficient university in the nation, based on its ability to manage its financial resources while also producing a top-quality education experience, and

WHEREAS, FSU offers graduate, undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 301 programs within 18 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,360 members, which has included National Academy of Sciences members and six Nobel Laureates, and

WHEREAS, FSU is more popular than ever among prospective first-time college students, as a record-breaking 42,325 applications were received for admission to the 2017 summer and fall semesters, a 16 percent jump over last year's total, which

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30 resulted in one of the university's largest freshmen classes  
31 ever, composed of about 6,500 students, and

32 WHEREAS, FSU has the most academically accomplished  
33 freshman classes in school history, which are at the forefront  
34 of the institution's exemplary accomplishments for the 2017-2018  
35 academic year, with an average freshman GPA of 4.1 and a median  
36 freshman SAT score of 1,289, and

37 WHEREAS, FSU has a four-year graduation rate of 65 percent,  
38 placing it in the top 20 among the nation's public research  
39 institutions, and

40 WHEREAS, veteran-empowering programs and their heritage at  
41 FSU have made it a national beacon of veteran support and  
42 success, and the welcoming campus culture at the university  
43 facilitates veterans' integration into the general student  
44 population, and

45 WHEREAS, current and former members of the United States  
46 Armed Forces are graduating from FSU at a rate nearly twice the  
47 national average, and

48 WHEREAS, FSU student veterans and veteran alumni have  
49 assumed leadership positions during their time on campus and in  
50 their careers, and

51 WHEREAS, in 2017, the FSU College of Medicine achieved more  
52 than \$100 million in funded research for the first time,  
53 contributing to a statewide economic impact measured at more  
54 than \$100 million, and

55 WHEREAS, more than 300 College of Medicine alumni  
56 physicians are now practicing in Florida, with many of them  
57 practicing in medically underserved communities that previously  
58 struggled to recruit new doctors, and

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59 WHEREAS, the FSU college experience continues to enrich the  
60 lives of students building upon the university's longstanding  
61 tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity  
62 and its aggressive recruitment of diverse groups of students,  
63 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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67 That February 6, 2018, is recognized as "FSU Day" in  
68 Florida.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
70 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to FSU President  
71 John Thrasher as a tangible token of the sentiments of the  
72 Florida Senate as it recognizes Florida State University's  
73 contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.