

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 9, 2019, as "FSU Day" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes Florida State University as a preeminent university and as a leader in education, research, student retention, and graduation, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is a nationally recognized institution, with many of its colleges and programs ranked within the top 10 in the nation, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Florida State University vaulted to 26th place among public universities in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, moving up 17 places since 2016, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the U.S. News and World Report also recognized Florida State University as the most efficient university in the nation based on its ability to manage its financial resources while providing top-quality education, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University leads State University System institutions with a 4-year graduation rate of 71.5 percent, placing it in the top 15 of the nation's public research institutions, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate, undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 306 programs within 19 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty of 2,305 members, which has included National Academy of Sciences members and six Nobel Laureates, and

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30 WHEREAS, Florida State University is more popular than ever
31 with prospective first-time college students, as a record number
32 of applications were received for admission to the 2019 summer
33 and fall semesters, and

34 WHEREAS, Florida State University received a total of
35 nearly 57,000 applications for admission for the 2018-2019
36 academic year, an 11.9 percent jump over last year's total,
37 which resulted in one of the university's largest freshmen
38 classes ever, of about 6,200 students, and

39 WHEREAS, Florida State University has one of the most
40 academically accomplished freshman classes in school history,
41 with a median GPA of 4.3, a median SAT score of 1,345, and a
42 median ACT composite score of 30, and

43 WHEREAS, the Florida State University Center for Academic
44 Retention and Enhancement is celebrating 50 years of providing
45 aid to underrepresented students who have faced both educational
46 and economic difficulties in their lives and of helping such
47 students to graduate and succeed, and

48 WHEREAS, in 2018, Florida State University's women's
49 softball team celebrated its first-ever NCAA National
50 Championship, with the women's soccer team also winning an NCAA
51 National Championship, its second national title, and

52 WHEREAS, in 2019, INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine
53 recognized Florida State University as a "Diversity Champion"
54 for the third consecutive year, and

55 WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the
56 lives of Florida State University students due to its long-
57 standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural
58 diversity on campus and because of the university's aggressive

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59 recruitment of a diverse student body, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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63 That April 9, 2019, is recognized as "FSU Day" in Florida
64 in recognition of Florida State University's contribution as an
65 outstanding institution of higher education.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
67 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Florida State
68 University President John Thrasher as a tangible token of the
69 sentiments of the Florida Senate.