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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 9, 2019, as "FSU Day"
3 in Florida.

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

8 WHEREAS, Florida State University is proud to be recognized
9 as a preeminent university by the State of Florida and as a
10 leader in education, research, student retention, and
11 graduation, and

12 WHEREAS, Florida State University is a nationally
13 recognized institution with many of its colleges and programs
14 ranked in the top ten in the nation, and

15 WHEREAS, in 2019, Florida State University rose to number
16 26 among national public universities in the U.S. News and World
17 Report rankings after moving up 17 places since 2016, and

18 WHEREAS, U.S. News and World Report also recognized Florida
19 State University as one of the most efficient universities in
20 the nation, and

21 WHEREAS, Florida State University has a four-year
22 graduation rate of 71.5 percent, making it the highest in the
23 state and placing the university in the top 15 among the
24 nation's public research institutions, and

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25 WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,
26 undergraduate, doctoral and professional degrees in 306 programs
27 within 19 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty
28 of 2,305 members, which has included National Academy of
29 Sciences members and 6 Nobel Laureates, and

30 WHEREAS, Florida State University is more popular than ever
31 among prospective first-time college students with a total of
32 57,000 applications received for admission to the 2019 summer
33 and fall semesters, a record high and an 11.9 percent increase
34 over 2018, and

35 WHEREAS, one of the most academically accomplished freshman
36 classes in Florida State University's history is at the
37 forefront of the institution's exemplary accomplishments for the
38 2018-19 academic year with a median GPA of 4.3, SAT score of
39 1345, and ACT composite score of 30, and

40 WHEREAS, Florida State University celebrates its 50th year
41 of CARE, the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement,
42 which continues to strive to give aid to underrepresented
43 students who have faced both educational and economic
44 difficulties in their lives, helping them to graduate and
45 succeed, and

46 WHEREAS, in 2018, Florida State University experienced two
47 remarkable victories in athletics with the FSU Women's Softball
48 Team celebrating its first-ever NCAA National Championship and

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49 | the FSU Women's soccer team winning their second NCAA National
50 | Championship, and

51 | WHEREAS, INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine recognized Florida
52 | State University as a "Diversity Champion" for the third year in
53 | a row, awarded to schools who demonstrate a promise to uphold
54 | inclusion and diversity, and

55 | WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the
56 | lives of Florida State University students due to the long-
57 | standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural
58 | diversity on its campus along with the aggressive recruitment of
59 | diverse groups of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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61 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
62 | Florida:

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

67 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
68 | presented to President John Thrasher of Florida State University
69 | as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.