

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 12, 2020, as FSU 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

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 jumped to No. 18
among national public universities in the *U.S. News and World
Report* rankings, after moving up 25 places since 2016, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Florida State University was ranked as
the No. 3 best value among public colleges for out-of-state
students and the No. 9 best value among public colleges for in-
state students by Kiplinger's Personal Finance "Best College
Value," and

WHEREAS, Florida State University has a 4-year graduation
rate of 71.5 percent, making it the highest in the state and
placing it in the top 10 among public research institutions, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,
undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 306
programs within 19 independent colleges and schools which are
taught by 2,086 faculty members, including National Academy of

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30 Sciences members and 6 Nobel Laureates, and has created a
31 student-to-faculty ratio of 21-to-1, meaning that 56.6 percent
32 of Florida State University's offered classes have a class size
33 of fewer than 20 students, and

34 WHEREAS, Florida State University is more popular than ever
35 among prospective first-time college students, as a record
36 number of applications were received for admission to the 2019
37 summer and fall semesters, and

38 WHEREAS, Florida State University received a total of
39 nearly 60,555 applications, a 20 percent increase over the
40 previous year's total, resulting in one of the largest freshman
41 classes in the school's history, about 6,900 students, and

42 WHEREAS, Florida State University had the most academically
43 accomplished freshman class in school history for the 2018-2019
44 academic year, with a median grade point average of 4.2, a
45 median SAT score of 1310, and a median ACT composite score of
46 29, and

47 WHEREAS, Florida State University is a top research
48 institution for producing Fulbright Scholars, with 10 students
49 receiving awards for the 2019-2020 academic year, and

50 WHEREAS, in 2019, for the fourth year in a row, *INSIGHT*
51 *into Diversity* magazine recognized Florida State University as a
52 "Diversity Champion," an honor awarded to schools that
53 demonstrate a promise to uphold inclusion and diversity, and

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

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

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62 That February 12, 2020, is recognized as FSU Day in
63 Florida.

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