

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating February 12, 2020, as "FSU
3 Day" 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 18 among public universities in the U.S. News and World Report
17 rankings after moving up 25 places since 2016, and

18 WHEREAS, in 2019 Florida State University was ranked number
19 three in best value among public colleges for out-of-state
20 students and number nine among public colleges for in-state
21 students by Kiplinger's Personal Finance "Best College Value,"
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Florida State University has a four-year
24 graduation rate of 71.5 percent, making it the highest in the

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25 | state and placing the university in the top 10 among the
26 | nation's public research institutions, and

27 | WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,
28 | undergraduate, doctoral and professional degrees in 306 programs
29 | within 19 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty
30 | of 2,086 members, which has included National Academy of
31 | Sciences members and 6 Nobel Laureates, and has created a
32 | student-faculty ratio of 21-to-1, making 56.6 percent of Florida
33 | State University's offered classes having fewer than 20
34 | students, and

35 | WHEREAS, Florida State University is more popular than ever
36 | among prospective first-time college students with a total of
37 | 60,555 applications received for admission to the 2019 summer
38 | and fall semesters, resulting in one of the largest freshman
39 | classes ever, made up of approximately 6,900 students, and

40 | WHEREAS, one of the most academically accomplished freshman
41 | classes in Florida State University's history is at the
42 | forefront of the institution's exemplary accomplishments for the
43 | 2019-20 academic year with a median GPA of 4.2, an average SAT
44 | score of 1310, and an average ACT composite score of 29, and

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

48 | WHEREAS, INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine recognized Florida
49 | State University as a "Diversity Champion" for the fourth

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50 consecutive year, an honor awarded to schools who demonstrate a
51 promise to uphold inclusion and diversity, and

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

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58 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
59 Florida:

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61 That February 12, 2020, is designated as "FSU Day" in
62 Florida in recognition of Florida State University's
63 contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
65 presented to President John Thrasher of Florida State University
66 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.