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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 9, 2022, as "FSU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University (FSU), 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 in the top 10 in the nation, and

WHEREAS, reaffirming its place in the top 20 for the third consecutive year, Florida State University ranked number 19 among national public universities in the U.S. News and World Report rankings in 2021, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Florida State University was ranked number five in best value among public universities and number 26 in Best Colleges for Veterans in the U.S. News and World Report, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University has a four-year graduation rate of 74 percent, making it the highest in the

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

27 | WHEREAS, Florida State University was honored with a
 28 | national award by the Association of Public and Land-grant
 29 | Universities for the university's extensive efforts to eliminate
 30 | gaps by race, ethnicity, and income level, and

31 | WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,
 32 | undergraduate, doctoral and professional degrees in 306 programs
 33 | within 18 independent colleges and schools, taught by a faculty
 34 | of 2,061 members, which has included National Academy of
 35 | Sciences members and 6 Nobel Laureates, and has created a
 36 | student-faculty ratio of 21-to-1, making 61 percent of Florida
 37 | State University's offered classes having fewer than 20
 38 | students, and

39 | WHEREAS, Florida State University is more popular than ever
 40 | among prospective first-time college students with a total of
 41 | 66,000 applications received for admission to the 2021 summer
 42 | and fall semesters, resulting in one of the largest freshman
 43 | classes ever, made up of approximately 7,200 students, and

44 | WHEREAS, Florida State University's 2021 freshman class is
 45 | one of the brightest and most diverse in school history, coming
 46 | from 66 Florida counties, all 50 states and the District of
 47 | Columbia, and 49 countries and is at the forefront of the
 48 | institution's exemplary accomplishments for the 2021-2022

49 | academic year with an average GPA of 4.3, average SAT score of
 50 | 1310, and average ACT composite score of 29, and

51 | WHEREAS, Florida State University is a top research
 52 | institution for producing Fulbright Scholars with 3 students
 53 | receiving awards in the 2021-2022 academic year, and

54 | WHEREAS, INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine recognized Florida
 55 | State University as a 2021 Diversity Champion for the sixth
 56 | consecutive year and awarded the Higher Education Excellence in
 57 | Diversity Award for the eighth consecutive year, an honor
 58 | awarded to schools who demonstrate a promise to uphold inclusion
 59 | and diversity, and

60 | WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the
 61 | lives of Florida State University students due to the long-
 62 | standing tradition of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural
 63 | diversity on its campus along with the aggressive recruitment of
 64 | diverse groups of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 66 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 67 | Florida:

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 69 | That February 9, 2022, is designated as "FSU Day" in
 70 | Florida in recognition of Florida State University's
 71 | contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.

72 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
 73 | presented to Dr. Richard McCullough, the 16th president of

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74 | Florida State University, as a tangible token of the sentiments
75 | expressed herein.