

By Senator Collins

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 19, 2023, as the inaugural "Keiser University Day" in Florida and celebrating the university's nearly 50 years of providing quality education as a vital institution of higher education, serving a diverse student population that positively impacts this state and the global economy.

WHEREAS, Keiser University offers more than 100 doctoral, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs in many of Florida's critical workforce sectors, including nursing, health care, information technology, and transportation and logistics, as well as highly specialized fields such as cybersecurity, digital forensics and incident response, artificial intelligence, and homeland security, and

WHEREAS, Keiser University, with more than 100,000 alumni and 3,800 employees, has become Florida's largest private, not-for-profit university, serving approximately 20,000 students annually, and

WHEREAS, Keiser University ranks as one of the top institutions in the nation in providing upward social mobility, earning the No. 1 ranking in that category from *U.S. News & World Report* in 2023, and

WHEREAS, Keiser University is one of the largest producers of nursing professionals in this state, with more than 3,200 nursing graduates in the past 5 years, and

WHEREAS, 20 percent of Keiser University's students are active-duty service members or veterans of the United States

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30 Armed Forces, or are their family members, and

31 WHEREAS, Keiser University, with a 31 percent Hispanic
32 student population, is recognized by the United States
33 Department of Education as a Hispanic-serving institution and is
34 a member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and
35 Universities, and

36 WHEREAS, 67 percent of Keiser University's graduates
37 annually complete degrees in the science, technology,
38 engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and health care fields, and

39 WHEREAS, 70 percent of Keiser University's student body is
40 female, and approximately 85 percent of Keiser students stay in
41 Florida after graduation, and

42 WHEREAS, Keiser University programs support nontraditional
43 students, including first-generation students, parents,
44 caregivers, veterans, and students who work full time or part
45 time, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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49 That April 19, 2023, is recognized as the inaugural "Keiser
50 University Day" and that the university's nearly 50 years of
51 providing quality education as a vital institution of higher
52 education and serving a diverse student population is celebrated
53 in Florida.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Keiser University's impressive
55 growth since its humble beginnings in 1977 and its positive
56 economic impact on both this state and the global economy is
57 recognized.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Keiser University Chancellor

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59 and CEO Arthur Keiser, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor Belinda Keiser,
60 and the membership of the Keiser University Board of Trustees
61 are recognized for their enduring commitment to providing
62 students with access to a superior education.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Keiser
64 University faculty are recognized for their leadership in the
65 classroom and online learning and their charitable service in
66 this state.