

By Senator Simon

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending Tallahassee State College for its consistent excellence and ongoing commitment to student success and recognizing April 10, 2025, as "Tallahassee State College Day" at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Tallahassee State College (TSC) was established in 1966 to serve Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla Counties by providing access to high-quality education for area residents, and

WHEREAS, now in its 59th year, TSC remains steadfast in its founding principles of ensuring academic excellence, offering seamless transfer pathways, delivering in-demand workforce training, and providing robust support for its students and community, and

WHEREAS, TSC is a proud member of the esteemed Florida College System, also known as the "Great 28," which has helped Florida earn the distinction of being recognized as the No. 1 state for higher education in the years since *U.S. News & World Report* began ranking colleges in 2017, and

WHEREAS, TSC welcomes more than 16,000 credit, noncredit, and continuing education students each year, with nearly 60 percent coming from outside its service area, drawn by the strength of its more than 100 academic and workforce programs, and

WHEREAS, TSC achieved a record-high 3-year graduation rate of 42 percent among its most recent student cohort, surpassing the national average for peer institutions by an impressive 15 percentage points, and

WHEREAS, TSC is one of the most affordable colleges in the

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country, boasting the fourth-lowest tuition rate in Florida, and, with millions in aid awarded each year, 70 percent of its students graduate without any student loan debt, and

WHEREAS, TSC was recognized by the United States Department of Education as the 2-year institution with the highest transfer rate in the state and the best partnership with a 4-year institution, Florida State University, which led its students to achieve the highest bachelor's completion rate, and

WHEREAS, TSC is consistently ranked as one of the top public colleges in the nation, earning accolades from the American Association of Community Colleges, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, and the Aspen Institute, among others, affirming the college's commitment to excellence, innovation, and student-centered practice, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, in recognition of its growing impact on statewide education, the institution was officially renamed Tallahassee State College, marking a historic milestone in its evolution as an outstanding institution of higher education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 10, 2025, is recognized as "Tallahassee State College Day" at the Capitol in recognition of TSC's contribution as an exemplary institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jim Murdaugh,

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59 Ph.D., the sixth President of Tallahassee State College, for  
60 inclusion in the college's historic archives and as a tangible  
61 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.