

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 19, 2025, as "FSU Day"
3 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

10 WHEREAS, Florida State University has reached a historic
11 milestone, earning its highest academic ranking ever at No. 10
12 in Niche's report of Top Public Universities in America, and has
13 been recognized by Princeton Review as the No. 1 public
14 university for student satisfaction, and

15 WHEREAS, Florida State University is recognized as a
16 national leader in student success, with a record first-year
17 student retention rate of 96 percent and a record four-year
18 graduation rate of 76 percent, placing FSU among the Top 10 in
19 the nation, and

20 WHEREAS, Florida State University significantly contributes
21 to the economy by injecting more than \$15.5 billion into the
22 local and state economy annually, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida State University's research expenditures
24 reached an all-time high of \$460.7 million, and FSU is expanding
25 its research enterprise to pave the way for world-changing

26 | discoveries and launching bold new initiatives, such as FSU
27 | Health and the Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases, which make
28 | a difference in people's lives and contribute to the economies
29 | of the state and nation, and

30 | WHEREAS, Florida State University is the headquarters of
31 | the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the only national
32 | laboratory in Florida and home to the most powerful magnets in
33 | the world, which generates \$709 million in economic output and
34 | supports 4,550 jobs, and

35 | WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,
36 | undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 272
37 | programs within 17 colleges taught by a faculty of 2,760
38 | members, which has included members of the National Academy of
39 | Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, National Academy of
40 | Medicine, American Academy Arts and Sciences, and six Nobel
41 | Laureates, and has created a student-faculty ratio of 17-to-1,
42 | making more than 60 percent of Florida State University's
43 | offered classes smaller than 20 students, and

44 | WHEREAS, Florida State University's freshman class is one
45 | of the brightest in the university's history, coming from all 67
46 | Florida counties, all 50 states, and 48 countries, and 76
47 | percent were among the top 10 percent of their high school class
48 | and collectively had an average weighted GPA of 4.3, median SAT
49 | score of 1350, and median ACT score of 30, and

50 WHEREAS, Florida State University is ranked tenth in the
51 nation for study-abroad enrollment and has a rich history of
52 supporting learning and scholarship in programs around the world
53 with exceptional study centers in London, Florence, and
54 Valencia, and a branch campus in the Republic of Panama, which
55 provide transformative educational experiences to thousands of
56 students across nearly every discipline offered at FSU, and

57 WHEREAS, Florida State University is honored to share a
58 special relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, built
59 on respect, trust, and collaboration, celebrating the Tribe's
60 rich history and culture while supporting educational
61 opportunities and initiatives that strengthen this enduring
62 partnership, and

63 WHEREAS, Florida State University boasts a network of more
64 than 400,000 alumni who are making a difference in their
65 communities across Florida and around the world and
66 demonstrating the university's commitment to producing graduates
67 who lead and serve, and

68 WHEREAS, the Florida State University baseball team reached
69 the College World Series for the 24th time, the soccer team won
70 its 11th ACC Championship, and in the annual Director's Cup
71 standings, which measure the overall strength of athletic
72 programs, the Seminoles were the 12th-best program in the
73 nation, representing the school's highest ranking in five years,
74 NOW, THEREFORE,

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76 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
77 Florida:

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79 That March 19, 2025, is designated as "FSU Day" in Florida
80 in recognition of Florida State University's contribution as an
81 outstanding institution of higher education.

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
83 presented to Dr. Richard McCullough, the 16th President of
84 Florida State University, as a tangible token of the sentiments
85 expressed herein.