

**By** Senator Rodriguez

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 26, 2026, as "Keiser University Day" in Florida and celebrating the university's nearly 50 years of providing quality education, serving a diverse student population, and positively impacting both this state and the global economy.

WHEREAS, Keiser University, as a vital institution of higher learning, 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, defense and homeland security, information technology, and transportation and logistics, as well as highly specialized fields, such as cybersecurity, digital forensics and incident response, and artificial intelligence, and

WHEREAS, Keiser University, with more than 100,000 alumni and 4,000 employees, has become one of Florida's largest private, not-for-profit universities, annually serving approximately 20,000 students, and

WHEREAS, Keiser University serves students at 21 campuses, including 18 located throughout Florida, in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Clearwater, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Lakeland, Melbourne, Naples, Miami, New Port Richey, Orlando, Pembroke Pines, Port St. Lucie, Sarasota, and Tampa, as well as 3 international campuses, strengthening this state's workforce development and economic growth, and

WHEREAS, Keiser University ranks among the top institutions in the nation in providing upward social mobility, earning the

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30 No. 1 ranking in that category from *U.S. News & World Report* in  
31 2023, and

32 WHEREAS, Keiser University is one of the largest producers  
33 of nursing professionals in this state, with more than 7,000  
34 nursing graduates in the past 8 years, and

35 WHEREAS, 20 percent of Keiser University's students are  
36 active-duty service members, veterans of the United States Armed  
37 Forces, or family members of service members or veterans, and

38 WHEREAS, Keiser University, with a 28 percent Hispanic  
39 student population, is recognized as a Hispanic-serving  
40 institution and is a member of the Hispanic Association of  
41 Colleges and Universities, and

42 WHEREAS, 67 percent of Keiser University's graduates  
43 annually complete degrees in the science, technology,  
44 engineering, mathematics, and health care fields, and

45 WHEREAS, 70 percent of Keiser University's student body is  
46 female, and approximately 86 percent of Keiser students stay in  
47 Florida after graduation, and

48 WHEREAS, Keiser University programs support nontraditional  
49 students, including parents, caregivers, veterans, first-  
50 generation students, and students who work full time or part  
51 time, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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55 That February 26, 2026, is recognized as "Keiser University  
56 Day" in Florida and that the university's nearly 50 years of  
57 providing quality education as a vital institution of higher  
58 education and serving a diverse student population are

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59 celebrated.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Keiser University's impressive  
61 growth since its humble beginnings in 1977, its Florida-based  
62 mission to meet the state's workforce needs, and its positive  
63 economic impact on both this state and the global economy are  
64 hereby recognized, supported by the guidance of more than 1,000  
65 advisory board members with industry-specific expertise.66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Keiser University Chancellor  
67 Arthur Keiser, Ph.D.; the members of his cabinet, including  
68 Executive Vice Chancellor Peter Crocitto, Mr. Jim Waldman, Mr.  
69 Chris Valleau, Vice Chancellor Belinda Keiser, Mr. Terry Reid  
70 Paul, Dr. Sherry Olsen, Mr. Robert Cross, Dr. Robert Keiser, Mr.  
71 Carlo Amato, Mr. Charles Parker, and Mr. Andrew Lee; and the  
72 membership of the Keiser University Board of Trustees are  
73 recognized for their enduring commitment to providing students  
74 with access to a superior education.75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Keiser  
76 University faculty are recognized for their leadership in the  
77 classroom and online learning and their charitable service in  
78 this state.