

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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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 7,000 nursing graduates in the past 8 years, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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celebrated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Keiser University's impressive growth since its humble beginnings in 1977, its Florida-based mission to meet the state's workforce needs, and its positive economic impact on both this state and the global economy are hereby recognized, supported by the guidance of more than 1,000 advisory board members with industry-specific expertise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Keiser University Chancellor Arthur Keiser, Ph.D.; the members of his cabinet, including Executive Vice Chancellor Peter Crocitto, Mr. Jim Waldman, Mr. Chris Valleau, Vice Chancellor Belinda Keiser, Mr. Terry Reid Paul, Dr. Sherry Olsen, Mr. Robert Cross, Dr. Robert Keiser, Mr. Carlo Amato, Mr. Charles Parker, and Mr. Andrew Lee; and the membership of the Keiser University Board of Trustees are recognized for their enduring commitment to providing students with access to a superior education.

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