

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating February 6, 2018, as "FSU  
3 Day" 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, FSU is proud to be recognized as a preeminent  
9 state research university by the State of Florida and as a  
10 leader in education, research, student retention, and  
11 graduation, and

12 WHEREAS, FSU is a nationally recognized institution with  
13 many of its colleges and programs ranked in the top ten in the  
14 nation, and

15 WHEREAS, in 2017, FSU rose to number 33 in the U.S. News  
16 and World Report rankings for best public universities,  
17 significantly moving up the list for the second consecutive  
18 year, and

19 WHEREAS, U.S. News and World Report also recognized FSU as  
20 the second most efficient university in the nation for the sixth  
21 consecutive year, a title earned by the university through  
22 managing its financial resources responsibly in addition to  
23 providing a top-quality education, and

24 WHEREAS, FSU offers graduate, undergraduate, doctoral, and  
25 professional degrees in 351 programs within 16 independent

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26 colleges and schools that are led by a faculty of 2,360 members,  
27 which has included six Nobel Laureates and members of the  
28 National Academy of Sciences, and

29 WHEREAS, FSU is more popular than ever among prospective  
30 first-time college students with a total of 42,325 applications  
31 received for admission to the 2017 summer and fall semesters, a  
32 record high and a 16 percent increase over 2016, and

33 WHEREAS, the 2017 freshman class at FSU is one of the  
34 university's largest and most academically accomplished freshman  
35 classes in university history, totaling approximately 6,500  
36 students, with an average incoming GPA of 4.1 and a median SAT  
37 score of 1289, and

38 WHEREAS, FSU's four-year graduation rate of 65 percent is  
39 one of the top 20 rates in the nation amongst public research  
40 institutions, and

41 WHEREAS, the veteran-empowering programs and heritage at  
42 FSU make the university a national beacon of veteran support and  
43 success, and the welcoming campus culture at the university  
44 facilitates veterans' integration into the general student  
45 population, and

46 WHEREAS, veterans and current members of the U.S. military  
47 graduate from FSU at nearly twice the national average, and

48 WHEREAS, student veterans and veteran alumni from FSU  
49 assume leadership positions during their time on campus and in  
50 their careers, and

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51           WHEREAS, in 2017, the FSU College of Medicine surpassed  
52 more than \$100 million in funded research for the first time,  
53 contributing to a statewide economic impact measured at more  
54 than \$100 million, and

55           WHEREAS, more than 300 College of Medicine alumni  
56 physicians now practice in Florida with many serving in  
57 medically underserved communities that previously struggled to  
58 recruit new doctors, and

59           WHEREAS, the college experience continues to enrich the  
60 lives of FSU students due to the long-standing tradition of  
61 promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity on its campus  
62 along with the active recruitment of diverse groups of students,  
63 NOW, THEREFORE,

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65 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
66 Florida:

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68           That February 6, 2018, is designated as "FSU Day" in  
69 Florida in recognition of Florida State University's  
70 contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education.

71           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
72 presented to President John Thrasher of Florida State University  
73 as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.