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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 6, 1999, as
Florida State University Day in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus at Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University was founded as an institution of higher learning in 1851 by a legislative act and began its existence in Tallahassee when it held its first classes in 1857, and

WHEREAS, over 205,000 men and women have graduated from Florida State University since its inception, and the success of Florida State University as an institution is reflected in the success of these graduates around the world, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the university's mission statement, Florida State University's faculty members have been selected for their commitment to excellence in teaching, their ability in research and creative activity, and their interest in public service, and

WHEREAS, students at the university study in 17 colleges and schools which offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in over 342 fields, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University was designated a "Research I" university by the Carnegie Foundation in 1994, placing FSU in an elite group of the nation's top research universities, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University's graduation rate is well above the national average and the best among Florida's state universities, and

1 WHEREAS, Florida State University has had five faculty
2 Nobel laureates, including the famous physicist Paul Dirac,
3 the father of modern physics, who is memorialized in London's
4 Westminster Abbey, and

5 WHEREAS, the Yahoo Internet Life magazine ranked
6 Florida State University as one of the 100 most "wired"
7 colleges in the nation, an indicator of the university's
8 advanced utilization of computer network technology, and

9 WHEREAS, while developing internationally recognized
10 programs in Fine Arts and the Performing Arts and in Basic and
11 Social Sciences, Florida State University has also developed
12 strong student life programs, including one of the major
13 Intercollegiate athletic programs in the country, and

14 WHEREAS, with a rich history of tradition and a future
15 in the forefront of the nation's major universities, it is
16 fitting and appropriate that the Florida House of
17 Representatives recognize the many achievements of Florida
18 State University, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
21 Florida:

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23 That the House of Representatives of the State of
24 Florida hereby designates April 6, 1999, as Florida State
25 University Day in Tallahassee.

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