

By Senator Powell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 8, 2018, as "FAMU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) was founded in 1887, named a land-grant institution in 1891, and designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, FAMU, a historically black college and university offering undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and professional degree programs, seeks qualified students from all racial, ethnic, religious, and national groups and has provided immeasurable educational opportunities for young men and women, and

WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of seven colleges and seven schools: the colleges of Agriculture and Food Sciences; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Science and Technology; and Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities; and the schools of Allied Health Sciences; Architecture and Engineering Technology; Business and Industry; the Environment; Graduate Studies and Research; Journalism and Graphic Communication; and Nursing, and

WHEREAS, FAMU is a leading institution in awarding baccalaureate degrees in allied health sciences to African Americans, and leads the nation in awarding professional doctorate degrees in pharmacy, rehabilitation, and therapeutic professions and master's degrees in architecture to African Americans, according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* "Top 100 of 2017," and

WHEREAS, nearly 48 percent of FAMU's student body is

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30 pursuing degrees in disciplines related to science, technology,
31 engineering, mathematics, or health care, and

32 WHEREAS, FAMU was recognized among *U.S. News & World*
33 *Report's* "Best Colleges" in the National Universities category
34 and was listed as the top historically black public college or
35 university in the nation for the 2018 ranking, and

36 WHEREAS, 65 percent of FAMU's students receive Pell Grants,
37 which is a testament to the educational accessibility of the
38 university, and

39 WHEREAS, in 2017, FAMU Athletics earned Mid-Eastern
40 Athletic Conference titles in women's softball and men's tennis
41 and its fifth consecutive title in women's cross country, and

42 WHEREAS, FAMU currently has a multi-year, multi-million-
43 dollar partnership with Lockheed Martin and NASA to develop new
44 technologies needed for deep space exploration, including a
45 mission to Mars, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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49 That February 8, 2018, is recognized as "FAMU Day" in
50 Florida.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
52 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Larry Robinson,
53 Ph.D., president of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
54 University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
55 Senate.