

By Senator Boyd

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 9, 2022, as "FSU Day" in Florida, in recognition of Florida State University's contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University, founded in 1851, is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is proud to be recognized as a preeminent university by the State of Florida, and as a leader in education, research, student retention, and graduation, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is a nationally recognized institution, with many of its colleges and programs ranked among the top 10 in the nation, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University was No. 19 among top public universities in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2022 Best Colleges rankings, reaffirming its place in the Top 20 for the third consecutive year, and was ranked by the publication as No. 5 on the list of Best Value Colleges among public universities and No. 26 in Best Colleges for Veterans, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University has a 4-year graduation rate of 74 percent, the highest in the state, which places the university in the top 10 in the nation among public research institutions, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University was honored with a national award by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities for its efforts to eliminate enrollment gaps by

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30 race, ethnicity, and income level, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,  
32 undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 306  
33 programs within 19 independent colleges and schools, with  
34 courses taught by an illustrious faculty of 2,094, including 6  
35 Nobel laureates, and

36 WHEREAS, Florida State University has a student-faculty  
37 ratio of 21-to-1, meaning that 61 percent of its offered classes  
38 have fewer than 20 students, and

39 WHEREAS, Florida State University's 2021 freshman class is  
40 one of the brightest and most diverse in school history, drawing  
41 students from 66 Florida counties, all 50 states and the  
42 District of Columbia, and 49 countries, and

43 WHEREAS, this outstanding class boasts a median GPA of 4.3,  
44 a median SAT score of 1310, and a median ACT composite score of  
45 29, and

46 WHEREAS, Florida State University is a top research  
47 institution in producing Fulbright Scholars, with three students  
48 receiving awards in 2021-2022, and

49 WHEREAS, *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine recognized Florida  
50 State University as a 2021 "Diversity Champion" for the sixth  
51 year in a row and awarded it the Higher Education Excellence in  
52 Diversity Award for the eighth consecutive year, an honor given  
53 to schools that demonstrate a promise to uphold and advance  
54 inclusion and diversity, and

55 WHEREAS, in 2021, Florida State University said goodbye to  
56 retiring President John Thrasher and welcomed its 16th  
57 president, Richard McCullough, Ph.D., and

58 WHEREAS, due to Florida State University's longstanding

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59 practice of promoting racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity on  
60 its campus through the aggressive recruitment of diverse groups  
61 of students, the FSU college experience continues to enrich the  
62 lives of students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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66 That the Florida Senate hereby recognizes February 9, 2022,  
67 as "FSU Day" in Florida, in recognition of Florida State  
68 University's contribution as an outstanding institution of  
69 higher education.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
71 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Richard  
72 McCullough, Ph.D., the 16th president of Florida State  
73 University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
74 Senate.