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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 1, 2024, as "FSU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University (FSU), 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

WHEREAS, Florida State University is ranked 53rd among the top public universities in America by *U.S. News and World Report*, and

WHEREAS, FSU is recognized for significant accomplishments in student success, with a record first-year student retention rate of 96 percent and a record four-year graduation rate of 75 percent, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University's research expenditures reached an all-time high of over \$400 million in 2023, and FSU is expanding its research enterprise to pave the way for world-changing discoveries and launching bold new initiatives, such as the FSU Health-Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Medical Campus in Panama City Beach, and

WHEREAS, Florida State University is the headquarters of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the only national laboratory in Florida and home to the most powerful magnets on

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26 | Earth and the only facility of its kind in the United States,
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28 | WHEREAS, Florida State University offers graduate,
29 | undergraduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 282
30 | programs within 17 colleges taught by a faculty of 2,615
31 | members, which has included six Nobel Laureates, and has created
32 | a student-faculty ratio of 17-to-1, making more than 65 percent
33 | of Florida State University's offered classes smaller than 20
34 | students, and

35 | WHEREAS, Florida State University's freshman class,
36 | representing 66 Florida counties, 47 states, and 27 countries,
37 | is one of the brightest and most diverse in the university's
38 | history, of which, 72 percent were among the top 10 percent of
39 | their high school class and collectively had an average GPA of
40 | 4.3, SAT score of 1310, and ACT score of 29, and

41 | WHEREAS, Florida State University is ranked third among
42 | public universities for study-abroad enrollment and has a rich
43 | history of supporting learning and scholarship in programs
44 | around the world with exceptional study centers in London,
45 | Florence, and Valencia, and a branch campus in the Republic of
46 | Panama, that provide transformative educational experiences to
47 | thousands of students, and

48 | WHEREAS, the 2023 Florida State University women's soccer
49 | team brought home their fourth national championship in program
50 | history and the 2023 Florida State University football team won

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51 | the ACC Championship following its undefeated regular season,
52 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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54 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
55 | Florida:

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57 | That February 1, 2024, is designated as "FSU Day" in
58 | Florida in recognition of Florida State University's
59 | contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education

60 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
61 | presented to Dr. Richard McCullough, the 16th President of
62 | Florida State University, as a tangible token of the sentiments
63 | expressed herein.