

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 25

Congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 11, 2007

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship.

Whereas, on January 8, 2007, before a crowd of nearly 75,000 fans in Glendale, Arizona, the University of Florida football team (referred to in this preamble as the “Florida Gators”) defeated the football team of The Ohio State University (referred to in this preamble as the “Buckeyes”) by a score of 41–14, to win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship;

Whereas that victory marked only the second national football championship victory for the University of Florida in the storied 100-year history of the Florida Gators;

Whereas the Florida Gators captured the Southeastern Conference Championship and compiled an impressive record of 13 wins and 1 loss;

Whereas although many fans viewed the Florida Gators as underdogs, the team—inspired by the leadership of Head Coach Urban Meyer—finished the game with a 41–7 scoring run, and prevented the opponent from scoring a single point during the second half of the game;

Whereas the 4-year starting quarterback of the Florida Gators, Chris Leak, during the final college game of his career, was chosen as the Offensive Most Valuable Player;

Whereas a defensive end of the Florida Gators, Derrick Harvey, was chosen as the Defensive Most Valuable Player;

Whereas the University of Florida is the first university to at the same time hold both the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Basketball Championship;

Whereas each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Florida Gators reached the pinnacle; and

Whereas the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Florida, and all of the supporters of the University of Florida, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the football program at the University of Florida: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) congratulates the University of Florida foot-
2 ball team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate
3 Athletic Association Division I Football Champion-
4 ship;

5 (2) recognizes the achievements of all of the
6 players, coaches, and support staff who were instru-
7 mental in helping the University of Florida football
8 team win the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic As-
9 sociation Division I Football Championship; and

10 (3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the
11 Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
12 tion to—

13 (A) the University of Florida for appro-
14 priate display;

15 (B) the President of the University of
16 Florida, Dr. J. Bernard Machen;

17 (C) the Athletic Director of the University
18 of Florida, Jeremy Foley; and

19 (D) the head coach of the University of
20 Florida football team, Urban Meyer.

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