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H. RES. 782

Honoring Steve Sauls on his retirement as Florida International University's
Vice President of Governmental Relations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2014

Ms. WILSON of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Honoring Steve Sauls on his retirement as Florida International University's Vice President of Governmental Relations.

Whereas, Steve Sauls is retiring in December 2014 following a distinguished public service career spanning more than four decades;

Whereas, Steve Sauls has spent much of the past two decades helping build Florida International University (FIU) into a top public research institution with more than 52,000 students and 190 degree programs;

Whereas, under Steve Sauls' leadership, FIU has secured over \$500 million for construction projects, formed numerous public-private partnerships, established medical and law schools, and grown to become Florida's second

largest university and the fourth largest in the United States;

Whereas, Steve Sauls has served as a lobbyist, legislative strategist, fundraiser, senior political advisor to Members of Congress including former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham, and as FIU's Vice President of Governmental Relations;

Whereas, Steve Sauls' exemplary accomplishments include authoring the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, launching Office Depot's Education and Diversity Partnership Program, securing unprecedented protections for the Florida Everglades, and obtaining funding for the International Hurricane Center;

Whereas, Steve Sauls has earned the respect and trust of his colleagues, government leaders, and education stakeholders;

Whereas, Steve Sauls has impacted millions of Americans and their families through his work;

Whereas, Steve Sauls is a fifth-generation Floridian who was born and raised in Lakeland, Florida;

Whereas, Steve Sauls earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Florida and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University;

Whereas, Steve Sauls' hobbies include cycling, kayaking, listening to Brazilian bossa nova, and watching the Sundance Channel;

Whereas, Steve Sauls has long been an active member of the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Seven/50, and the Southeast Florida's Regional Planning Project; and

Whereas, Steve Sauls considers his greatest achievement to
be the successes of the many students he has mentored:
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the U.S. House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) honors Steve Sauls for his invaluable service
- 3 to Florida International University, the State of
- 4 Florida, and the United States; and
- 5 (2) encourages Americans to join us in thank-
- 6 ing Steve Sauls for his many contributions to our
- 7 Nation and congratulating him on a well-deserved
- 8 retirement.

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