Student Senate Resolution 2016-116

Title: Resolution Commemorating the Lives Taken by the Senseless Shootings of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, and the Five Dallas Police Officers

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WHEREAS, the week of July 4th, 2016, the lives of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, and Dallas police officers Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Sergeant Michael Smith, and Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens were taken away senselessly [1,2,3]; and,

WHEREAS, the communities of Dallas, Baton Rouge, and Falcon Heights were deeply affected by the loss of these American citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America is recognized as a haven for freedom, equality, and justice for all; and,

WHEREAS, last week's incidents exemplify the exact issues the United States faces today in regards to police escalating confrontations with law-abiding citizens; and,
WHEREAS, these tragedies, along with many others throughout the year, have left the United States and its citizens shaken due to the immense suffering brought about by multiple reoccurrences of similar situations; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is home to over 3,000 black students who want their voices heard and understood, instead of consolidated[4]; and,

WHEREAS, last week shined light on the notion that many of the events related to police confrontations in the past year are an issue not only for minorities, but also the United States as a whole; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate sends its condolences to the families of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, and Dallas police officers Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Sergeant Michael Smith, and Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, as well as all who felt an emotional connection to the loss of these seven American citizens. [1,2,3]

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Dr. Kent Fuchs/Dean of Students Dr. Jen Day Shaw, Black Student Union, Multicultural and Diversity of Affairs Executive Director L Loren Foster, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Director of Black Affairs Vee Byrd, Student Activities and Involvement Sorority and Fraternity Affairs Program Coordinator Reginald Lane, Gainesville Police Department, University of Florida Police Department, Alachua County Sheriff’s Office
