Student Senate Resolution 2015-137

Title: A Resolution to Thank Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim for their $50 million donation to the University of Florida College of Engineering

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WHEREAS, The University of Florida is a top 10 University in total STEM degrees awarded¹; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim and the Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation donated $50 million to the College of Engineering²; and,

WHEREAS, this marks the beginning of a five-year plan to gather $300 million in investments that will leverage support from the state, the university and from private donors²; and,

WHEREAS, the money from this project will allow the University of Florida to add new facilities, esteemed faculty, programs, and research opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the college is raising money to build the NEXUS building, a $53 million renovation and expansion that will add 80,000 to 90,000 square feet of classroom and lab space²; and,

WHEREAS, the money projected to be gained from this donation over the next five years will allow for a 120,000 square foot headquarters for IT research & education²; and,

WHEREAS, the money will allow the University of Florida to retain students with scholarships and fellowships and invest in endowed chairs and professorships; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in funds will allow the University of Florida to achieve the goal of offering leadership and innovation classes to every student in the college of Engineering; then,

² https://www.eng.ufl.edu/about/transformation/
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate thanks Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim and the Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation for their $50 million donation to the University of Florida College of Engineering, allowing the University of Florida to become a more distinguished and leading university in the field of Engineering.

Proviso: A copy of the resolution shall be sent to Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim, the Dr. Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation, and the Dean of the College of Engineering.

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