STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-1052

TITLE: Resolution Honoring the Victims of the Chattanooga Shooting

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WHEREAS, on the morning of July 16, 2015, a domestic terrorist attack occurred when Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez opened fire at the Armed Forces Recruiting Center on Lee Highway and the U.S. Naval Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, Abdulazeez shot and killed four marines and injured a sailor, who passed away from his wounds on July 18th, resulting in five heroes losing their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Sgt. Carson A. Holmquist, 25, became a Marine in 2009 and served in Okinawa, Japan and in Afghanistan, and left behind his wife, Jasmine, and their son, Wyatt; and,

WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. David A. Wyatt, 35, served two tours during Operation Iraqi Freedom and one more for Operation Enduring Freedom, and left behind his wife of ten years, Lori, and their two young children, Rebecca and Heith; and,

WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. Squire K. 'Skip' Wells, 21, came from a military family, and his mother, Cathy Wells said “My son died doing what he loved for the love of his country and his family”; and,

WHEREAS, Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Sullivan, 40, joined the military in 1997, served three tours of duty, and received two Purple Hearts, along with several other awards; and,

WHEREAS, Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Randall S. Smith, 24, had a love for baseball and left behind a wife and three young daughters; and,

WHEREAS, these men dedicated their lives to serving our country and defending our freedom; then

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate honors the servicemen that lost their lives and offers its deepest condolences to their loved ones; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate honors freedom and patriotism by standing against all acts of terror, both foreign and domestic.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Kent Fuchs, University of Florida Office of Veterans Affairs, and Veterans Affairs Cabinet Director Randall Martin