Student Senate Resolution 2015-131

Title: Resolution Honoring University of Florida Performing Arts Director Michael Blachly

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WHEREAS, Michael Blachly served in countless capacities with the University of Florida Performing Arts over the last 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, before coming to University of Florida in 2000, Director Blachly spent 14 years directing the performing arts program at UCLA; and,

WHEREAS, by hosting touring artists like Yo-Yo Ma, Twyla Tharp, Lou Reed and Laurie Anderson, he increased the value of the University of Florida Performing Arts community; and,

WHEREAS, by assembling artists and designers of various arenas, Director Blachly created companies and productions that went on to tour nationally; and,

WHEREAS, “Basetrack,” a multi-disciplinary documentary theater piece created under Blachly’s eye, was named one of 2014’s Top 10 performances by The New York Times; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Director Blachly has added three new performance spaces: the Baughman Center, the University Auditorium and the Squitieri Studio Theatre; and,

WHEREAS, by working with the University of Florida Student Senate, Director Blachly created reduced-costs student tickets to enhance the ability of students to attend performances as well as opened the Philips Center to countless student groups and organizations to use for their performances; and,

WHEREAS, over his time as Director of the University of Florida Performing Arts he has overseen 851 performances and has made Gainesville a destination for artists around the world; then,
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Michael Blachly for his years of dedication to the University of Florida and its students.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to former University of Florida Performing Arts Director Michael Blachly.

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