STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-135

TITLE: Resolution Furthering the Recognition of the University of Florida as a Land-Grant Institution

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WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act in 1862, donating public lands to support colleges and higher education; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is one of seventy-four of these universities established as a land-grant university; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is also one of only 17 universities in the country to share the distinction of land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant status; and,

WHEREAS, the signing of the Morrill Act lead to what has been coined the “Educational Revolution”; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), has earned the No. 1 ranking in Agricultural Research and Development from the National Science Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall was built in 1910 as the Florida Experiment Station and is the third oldest building on the University of Florida campus; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall was named in 1944 for Dr. Wilmon E. Newell, the Provost of Agriculture at the University of Florida from 1921 until his death in October 1943, who was also an esteemed entomologist; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is in the process of renovating Newell Hall; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the fact that the University of Florida is a land-grant university; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of the University of Florida status of being a land-grant university; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the incorporation of a physical manifestation commemorating UF as a land-grant university in Newell Hall once it is completed.
Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. Elaine Turner (Dean of CALS), Dr. Brendemuhl (Associate Dean of CALS), Cathy Carr (Director of Alumni and Career Services), Charlotte Emerson (Director of Student Development and Recruitment), President Dr. W Kent Fuchs, Dr. Glover (Provost), Howie Fregusen (Project manager), Chair of Preservation Of Historic Buildings And Sites Committee, Dr. Payne (Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Florida), and Dr. Jen Day Shaw (Dean of Students), Adam Putnam (Florida Commissioner for Agriculture), & Board of Trustees

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http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/proposed_libfacil.html