Student Senate Resolution 2016-104

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Gatorloop Team in the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition

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WHEREAS, the Hyperloop is a high-speed transportation system conceptualized by Elon Musk that is a network of railless pneumatic tubes to safely send travellers in capsules at hypersonic speeds; and,

WHEREAS, the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition established an incentive to open source engineer the ideal pod for the Hyperloop¹; and,

WHEREAS, of 700 applicant teams, 120 student engineering teams were selected to submit briefing presentations of their final design packages in January 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Gatorloop Team was one of 22 teams selected at a January 30 meeting at Texas A&M University to advance to the final round of competition among peers such as MIT and the Netherlands Delft University of Technology²; and,

WHEREAS, the Gatorloop Team has and continues to represent the University of Florida on an international stage of advanced level STEM competition; and,

WHEREAS, the Gatorloop Team will compete in the final round of competition in June 2016, near SpaceX’s headquarters in Hawthorne, California; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the Gatorloop Team as it moves forward in the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Competition; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the Gatorloop Team as they continue their commitment to advancing innovative STEM technology and demonstrate the national preeminence of the University of Florida.

¹ http://www.spacex.com/hyperloop
² http://www.ufhyperloop.com/
Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to members of the Gatorloop team, Cammy Abernathy, the Dean of the Wertheim College of Engineering, and President Fuchs

Susan Webster
Senate President

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