Student Senate Resolution 2016-121

Title: Resolution Honoring University Association Athletic Director Jeremy Foley for His Service to the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, Jeremy Foley has served the University of Florida Athletic Department for 40 years, where he began his career as an intern in the ticket office; and,

WHEREAS, 25 of the 40 years Jeremy Foley was at the University of Florida, he served as Athletic Director¹; and,

WHEREAS, during his time as Athletic Director, the University of Florida won 27 national titles which is tied for the most national titles accumulated under any athletic director in the history of university athletics²; and,

WHEREAS, under Jeremy Foley's leadership in 2006 the Gators became the first school to win a national championship in men's football and basketball; and,

WHEREAS, Jeremy Foley has been instrumental in the $64.5 million renovation of the O'Connell Center and $25 million renovation of the Hawkins Center to ensure the continued success of the UF athletic department and academic success of Gator athletes\(^3\); and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Jeremy Foley worked with the Athletic Association to increase opportunities for women's athletics by adding soccer, softball, and most recently, lacrosse\(^4\); and,

WHEREAS, during Jeremy Foley's time as Athletic Director, the coaching staff collected 111 Conference Coach-of-the-Year Awards during the last 25 years with 10 coaches earning the league coach of the year during the 2012-2013 year, alongside 10 athletes winning their respective conference player of the year that same season\(^5\); then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses its greatest appreciation and gratitude to University Association Athletic Director Jeremy Foley for his service, leadership, and dedication to the student body, the University of Florida Athletic Department, and the Gator Nation.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Jeremy Foley and the University of Florida Athletic Association

