STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-117

TITLE: Resolution Thanking Coach Jim McElwain and the Athletic Department for Their Efforts to Increase Awareness for Scooter Safety on Campus

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate promotes increasing efforts for scooter safety awareness to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the student body; and,

WHEREAS, each of the last three years has seen an increase in the number of scooter accidents with research from the University of Florida indicating that only 15% of scooter owners are likely to wear their helmet; and,

WHEREAS, Gator athletes can serve as role models for scooter accident prevention for all students on campus; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Jim McElwain and the Athletic Department have given the football team free helmets to promote responsible and safe handling of scooters, and to act as motivation to encourage the rest of the student body to utilize helmets while operating scooters; and,

WHEREAS, Coach McElwain has expressed his concern for the safety and well-being of all students at the University of Florida and the public by providing a scooter safety seminar that featured speakers from the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office and University Police Department; and,
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WHEREAS, the scooter safety seminar emphasized student and public safety by demonstrating proper helmet usage and responsible scooter operation; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate thanks Jim McElwain and the Athletic Department for their efforts in promoting preventative measures for scooter safety in Gainesville.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the continued efforts of raising awareness for student safety issues such as proper helmet usage and responsible scooter handling.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Coach Jim McElwain, Athletic Director Scott Stricklin, University of Florida Police Department, Gatorwell Director Maureen Miller, UF College of Nursing, Alachua County Sheriff’s Office.

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Senate President  
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