STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-123

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Big Five Student Welcome Assemblies

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WHEREAS, the Big Five Organizations consist of the Asian American Student Union, Black Student Union, Pride Student Union, Hispanic Student Association, and Women’s Student Association; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Big Five Organizations held Student Welcome Assemblies from August 24th to August 31st; each focused on delivering a powerful message by displaying the hard work and passion of the members in each organization and exemplifying the union of students, administration, and alumni; and,

WHEREAS, the Asian American Student Assembly promoted diversity and multicultural awareness, while motivating students to surpass expectations and overcome any obstacles they face in life; and,

WHEREAS, the Black Student Assembly emphasized their creation of a collaborative, family environment that stresses the importance of unity in the black community, while uniting to uphold the prestigious standards of the University of Florida and its students; and,

WHEREAS, the Welcome Assembly hosted by Pride Student Union invited students with open arms as they displayed how the University of Florida is an open, safe, and inclusive environment for LGBTQ+ and allies; they also stressed the importance of educating students, our community, and our nation about LGBTQ+ issues and concerns; and,
WHEREAS, the Hispanic-Latinx Student Assembly emphasized the idea that knowledge is power by uniting students with a dream of education and working to further the progress of the Hispanic-Latinx community locally and nationally; and,

WHEREAS, the Women’s Welcome Assembly hosted by Women's Student Association displayed the importance of bravery as students prepare to conquer hardships internally and externally in our community, university, and nation; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the inspirational and motivational messages conveyed to students by the Big Five Assemblies.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the effort put into these events and applauds all students involved.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the unity of students, administrators, and alumni in making the University of Florida a diverse, safe, collaborative, and educational environment.

Proviso: Black Student Union President Dwayne Fletcher, Hispanic Student Association Robert Lemus, Pride Student Union President Taylor Baker, Asian American Student Association President Ianne Itchon, Women Student Association President Rebecca Kravitz, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Director Will Atkins, Interim Dean of Students Heather White, Director of Student Activities and Involvement Nancy Chrystal Green, Vice President of Student Affairs David Parrott, President W. Kent Fuchs

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