STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-126

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of “The Swamp.”

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Sponsors: Senator Isabella Alfonso, Senator Marcela Astudillo, Senator Caroline Baldwin, Senator Chase Brannan, Senator Haven Garcia, Senator Noah Harden, Senator Michael Murphy, Senator Libby Shaw

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has a winning tradition in Division I Football; and,

WHEREAS, the Gators Football Team plays its home football games within Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at the newly-christened Steve Spurrier-Florida Field; and,

WHEREAS, Steve Spurrier assumed the role of Head Football Coach of the Florida Gators leading up to the 1990 college football season¹; and,

WHEREAS, the Gators Football Team’s dominant performances at home in 1990 and 1991 resulted in the manifestation of a fearsome reputation for the then-named Florida Field²; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Steve Spurrier began referring to the Florida Gators Football stadium and field as “The Swamp” in 1992³; and,

WHEREAS, The Swamp has been the hallowed meeting site of thousands of UF students, faculty, staff, and alumni for countless fall Saturdays since 1992; and,

WHEREAS, The Swamp has seen numerous victories over archrivals University of Tennessee; Florida State University; and, by a margin of 52-14 in 1994, the University of Georgia⁴; and,

WHEREAS, the total win-loss record accumulated in The Swamp from 1992 to 2016 was 136 wins to 25 losses, resulting in a .845 win percentage⁵; then,
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate deeply appreciates Coach Steve Spurrier’s contribution to Florida Gators Football and UF Athletics as a whole by nicknaming Ben Hill Griffin Stadium “The Swamp.”

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate praises the hard work and diligence of the athletes, coaches, and support staff members who have contributed to The Swamp’s fearsome reputation and electric atmosphere in the last 25 years.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the 25th anniversary of The Swamp and its continuance as one of the toughest places to play in college football, congruent with its illustrious slogan: “Only Gators get out alive.”

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Senate President

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Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UF Athletics Ambassador Steve Spurrier, Gator Head Football Coach Jim McElwain, Athletic Director Scott Stricklin, President W. Kent Fuchs, Athletic Director Emeritus Jeremy Foley, Executive Director of Gator Boosters Phil Pharr, & the UF Board of Trustees.

1 https://www.saturdaydownsouth.com/coaches/steve-spurrier/

