

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-103

TITLE: Resolution Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Ensure Tuition Assistance to Families of Fallen First Responders and Military Members

AUTHORS: Senator Branden Pearson and Senator Michael Murphy

SPONSORS: Student Body President Smith Meyers, Senate President Ian Green, Senate President Pro-Tempore Trevor Schaettle, The Judiciary Committee, and Senator Mackintosh Joachim

WHEREAS, current Florida state law does not provide tuition to the families of fallen military members, paramedics and emergency-medical technicians¹; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission convenes every twenty years to propose constitutional amendments to be placed on the ballot for voter approval²; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission introduced P16 on October 18, 2017, which would establish the rights to certain death benefits to the survivors of specified first responders and military members³; and,

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2018, Governor Rick Scott expressed support for a constitutional amendment that would provide free tuition to families of fallen military members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency-medical technicians⁴; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has a history of supporting first responders and military members through campus landmarks such as Century Tower and resources such as the Veterans Success Center; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate believes that family members of fallen first responders and military members should be provided tuition assistance by the state.

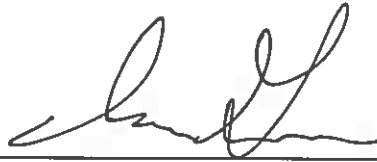
THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the constitutional amendment that is endorsed by Governor Scott and is currently being considered by the Constitutional Revision Commission to address this issue.

¹ http://www.alligator.org/news/article_Offbaa88-f66e-11e7-8c9a-a3a4c95109af.html

² <https://flcrc.gov/about/history>

³ <https://www.flcrc.gov/Proposals/Commissioner/2017/0016>

⁴ <https://www.flgov.com/2018/01/09/governor-rick-scotts-2018-state-of-the-state-address/>



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Ian Green
Senate President

Date

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. David Parrott, Dean of Students Heather White, Florida Governor Rick Scott, Florida Senate President Joe Negron, Florida Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran, Florida Senator Keith Perry, Florida Representative Clovis Watson, Florida Representative Chuck Clemons, and Commissioner Emery Gainey.