

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-129

TITLE: Resolution Honoring Rob Hiaasen and the Lives Taken in the Capital Gazette Shooting

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WHEREAS, on June 28, 2018, a mass shooting occurred at the *Capital Gazette* publishing offices in Annapolis, Maryland ^[1]; and,

WHEREAS, five employees were killed including Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith, and Wendi Winters ^[2] as well as two others who were injured; and,

WHEREAS, American newsrooms led by The Associated Press held a moment of silence at 2:33 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2018 ^[3] to honor these fallen journalists who were victims of senseless violence; and,

WHEREAS, Rob Hiaasen was a graduate of the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications in 1981^[4]; and,

WHEREAS, Rob Hiaasen dedicated his life to the news business and covered politics in South Florida at *The Palm Beach Post*, served as a writer and columnist for *The Baltimore Sun*, and served as an assistant editor for *The Capital* since 2010 ^[4]; and,

WHEREAS, both University of Florida President Kent Fuchs and the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications have expressed their deepest sympathies ^[5,6]; to all the friends and colleagues of those affected by this tragedy and,

WHEREAS, alumni from the University of Florida can be found throughout the world, and we stand together as one Gator Nation in honoring their memory; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate honors the lives of the five journalists taken in the *Capital Gazette* shooting and expresses its deepest condolences to their friends and families.

- [1] <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/28/us/capital-gazette-annapolis-shooting.html>
- [2] <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/crime/bs-md-gazette-shooting-20180628-story.html>
- [3] <https://abcnews.go.com/US/newsrooms-hold-moment-silence-thursday-honor-capital-gazette/story?id=56381347>
- [4] https://www.alligator.org/news/uf-alumnus-one-of-five-murdered-in-shooting-at-capital/article_7a6466f6-7bcc-11e8-ab5c-fb8f0faf68a0.html
- [5] <https://twitter.com/PresidentFuchs/status/1012533937204277248>
- [6] <https://twitter.com/UFJSchool/status/1012699686296158208>

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Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Dr. Kent Fuchs, Dean of the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications Diane McFarlin, The Capital Newspaper.