

By Representative Casey

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the University of  
3 Florida Gator football team for its first  
4 national championship and for its 1996 football  
5 season.

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7 WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gator football team  
8 captured the university's first national championship with a  
9 number one ranking in the Associated Press and the USA  
10 Today-CNN coaches' poll, and

11 WHEREAS, the Gators won the 1997 Nokia Sugar Bowl Game  
12 in a decisive victory over arch rival FSU, defeating the  
13 Seminoles 52-20, and

14 WHEREAS, the 52 points scored by the Gators in the  
15 Sugar Bowl are the most points ever scored in one game in  
16 Sugar Bowl history, and

17 WHEREAS, the Gator football team won the University's  
18 fourth straight SEC title, becoming only the second team in  
19 conference history to do so, and

20 WHEREAS, the Gators were ranked number one for eleven  
21 weeks of the regular football season, longer than any  
22 University of Florida football team in the school's history,  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the 1996 Gator team and the 1995 Gator team  
25 are the only teams in the University's history with a twelve  
26 win season, and

27 WHEREAS, the 1996 Gator football team is the only team  
28 in the nation to win at least twelve games in each of the last  
29 two seasons, and

30 WHEREAS, the 1996 Gators are the second team in school  
31 history to post a perfect 9-0 SEC conference record, and

1           WHEREAS, this year's Gator team stretched the  
2 University of Florida's unbeaten mark in the SEC to twenty-two  
3 games, the third longest streak in conference history, and

4           WHEREAS, with this year's ranking, the University of  
5 Florida remains one of only two football teams in the nation  
6 to finish in the Top Ten in each of the last six years, NOW,  
7 THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
10 Florida:

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12           That the University of Florida Gator football team,  
13 Head Coach Steve Spurrier, and the coaching staff are  
14 commended for their outstanding accomplishments in bringing  
15 the University of Florida to national prominence and  
16 excellence in intercollegiate football.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
18 with the Seal of the House of Representatives affixed, be  
19 presented to the University of Florida Gator football team and  
20 to Coach Steve Spurrier as a tangible token of the sentiments  
21 of the Florida House of Representatives.

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