Florida House of Representatives - 2002 By Representative McGriff

1 House Resolution 2 A resolution proclaiming March 6, 2002, as 3 "University of Florida Intercollegiate Athletics Day." 4 5 WHEREAS, the University of Florida has achieved another 6 7 highly successful season in conference and nonconference play 8 throughout all of its intercollegiate sports programs, leading 9 to its tenth consecutive Southeastern Conference All-Sports Award, and is one of only two universities to rank in the top 10 10 in national all-sports rankings in each of the last 18 11 12 years, and WHEREAS, the University of Florida won the 2001 Men's 13 14 Golf National Championship under the leadership of Coach Buddy Alexander, and, since the beginning of the 2000-2001 academic 15 16 year, has won Southeastern Conference Championships in 17 football, soccer, volleyball, men's basketball, and women's 18 tennis, and 19 WHEREAS, since 1980, the University of Florida has 20 earned, in aggregate, 13 NCAA Championships for the sports of football, soccer, men's golf, women's golf, men's swimming and 21 22 diving, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, and women's track and field, and has earned a total of 153 23 24 Southeastern Conference titles since joining that conference, 25 and 26 WHEREAS, the University of Florida has honored 41 27 Academic All-Americans since 1992, to rank fourth among all NCAA Division 1 schools during that time, and 28 29 WHEREAS, the University of Florida realized a league 30 and school record of 133 student-athlete names being added to 31

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the Southeastern Conference's Academic Honor Roll in 2000-2001, and WHEREAS, the Pro Football Hall of Fame inducted former University of Florida All-American Jack Youngblood into the 2001 Hall of Fame Class, and WHEREAS, the year 2002 began with the departure of Coach Steve Spurrier, who, in his 12-year career in Gainesville, compiled a 122-27-1 record and an NCAA National Championship, and the university welcomed Coach Ron Zook to direct the Gator Football Team to further exceptional achievements, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That March 6, 2002, be proclaimed University of Florida Intercollegiate Athletics Day in recognition of the outstanding achievements and dedication to the ideals of the student-athlete demonstrated by the University of Florida.

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