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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution commending the University of Florida Fighting  
3 Gators Men's Basketball Team for winning the first NCAA  
4 Basketball Championship in state history.  
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6 WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators have long been  
7 recognized for their winning tradition in all sports, and

8 WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators Men's Basketball  
9 Team has continued this tradition of athletic excellence,  
10 achieved and maintained through their hard work, determination,  
11 unselfish play, and a team-first attitude, and

12 WHEREAS, the Florida Gators, three times the regular season  
13 Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Champions and twice the  
14 conference tournament champions, won their last Southeastern  
15 Conference tournament championship in 2006 by defeating the  
16 University of South Carolina on the way to their great success  
17 in the NCAA Men's "March Madness" Basketball Tournament, and

18 WHEREAS, under Coach Billy Donovan and his coaching staff,  
19 Florida Gators Jack Berry, Corey Brewer, Taurean Green, Walter  
20 Hodge, Al Horford, David Huertas, Lee Humphrey, Adrian Moss,  
21 Joakim Noah, Chris Richard, Jimmie Sutton, Brett Swanson, and  
22 Garrett Tyler came together to form a championship team, and

23 WHEREAS, on April 3, 2006, the Florida Gators defeated the  
24 University of California at Los Angeles 73-57 in Indianapolis,  
25 Indiana, in a game that showcased the team's combined talent for  
26 playing balanced and selfless basketball, and

27 WHEREAS, in this historic win, the Florida Gators earned  
28 the first ever NCAA Division One Men's Basketball Championship

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29 | for the University of Florida and the State of Florida, NOW,  
30 | THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
33 | Florida:

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35 |       That the House of Representatives salutes the University of  
36 | Florida Fighting Gators Men's Basketball Team for winning the  
37 | 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball  
38 | Tournament Championship, the first such championship in the  
39 | history of the State of Florida.

40 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
41 | presented to the University of Florida and to each member of the  
42 | Florida Gators Men's Basketball Team as a tangible token of the  
43 | sentiments expressed herein.