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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the Indian River Community College Pioneers Men's and Women's Swimming Teams on winning NJCAA Swimming National Championships.

WHEREAS, Indian River Community College has long been recognized for its winning tradition in all sports, and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving Teams have continued this tradition of athletic excellence, achieved and maintained through their hard work, determination, perseverance, and a team-first attitude, and

WHEREAS, first-year head swimming coach Frank Bradley and head diving coach Dave Suba guided the Pioneers to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship and were each named 2007 NJCAA Coach of the Year in their respective competitions along with the help of first-year assistant coach Duncan Sherrard, and

WHEREAS, the women's team, including Shanda Casella, Vanessa Cox, Stacey Crawley, Wendy Garza, Stephania Kalentzis, Erin Linley, Kalia Martin, Danielle Mauser, Alexis Omans, Whitney Peck, Amber Pheil, Cortney Place, Kayla Purkiser and Ana Maritza Rubin, and led by individual swimming champions and 2007 NJCAA women swimmers of the year Natalia Buso, Amanda Neubig, and Kim Martella, defeated Monroe Community College of New York to win the team women's competition by 475 points, and

WHEREAS, the men's team, including Javier Ahumada, Scott Baker, Billy Beauregard, Patrick Blom, Seth Clayton, Jeff Gaik, Roberto Gomez, Michael Guerra, Raul Martinez, Ricardo Munoz, Le Roux Pelser, Jason Shoemaker, Kevin Shofe,

1 Richard Sunday, Blake Wright, and Michael Wright, and led by
2 individual swimming champions Fernando Costa, Nick Schwartz,
3 and Gordon Touw Ngie Tjouw, and 2007 NJCAA male swimmer of the
4 year Gideon Louw, defeated Lincoln College of Illinois to win
5 the team men's competition by 603 points, and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Wright and Kayla Purkiser also took
7 home individual national titles in diving and Wright received
8 the 2007 NJCAA diver of the year honors, and

9 WHEREAS, the Pioneers dominated the competition,
10 winning 39 of 40 NJCAA events over the four-day meet held in
11 Buffalo, New York, from March 7-10, 2007, and

12 WHEREAS, with their latest victories, the Indian River
13 Community College Pioneers have now captured 33 consecutive
14 NJCAA national championships for the men and 25 consecutive
15 and 29 overall NJCAA national championships for the women,
16 preserving Indian River Community College's place as the
17 nation's premiere swimming and diving program among the junior
18 college ranks, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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22 That the Florida Senate does hereby congratulate and
23 commend the Indian River Community College Pioneers for
24 winning the 2007 National Junior College Athletic Association
25 Men's & Women's Swimming Championship and continuing their
26 unprecedented succession of victories.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
28 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to President
29 Edwin R. Massey on behalf of Indian River Community College as
30 a token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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