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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the University of Florida Gators Men's Basketball Team for winning the second NCAA Men's Basketball Championship in the university's history.

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators have long been recognized for their tradition in all sports, and

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

WHEREAS, the Florida Gators, four times the regular season Southeastern Conference Basketball Champions and three times the conference tournament champions, won their most recent Southeastern Conference Championship in 2007 by defeating the University of Arkansas on the way to their great success in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Gators won their first NCAA Men's Basketball Championship on April 3, 2006, and

WHEREAS, inspired by Coach Billy Donovan and his coaching staff, Florida Gators Jack Berry, Corey Brewer, Taurean Green, Walter Hodge, Al Horford, Lee Humphrey, Jonathan Mitchell, Joakim Noah, Brandon Powell, Chris Richard, Marreese Speights, Brett Swanson, Garrett Tyler, and Dan Werner came together to form a championship team, and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2007, the Florida Gators defeated the Ohio State University Buckeyes by a score of 84-75 in Atlanta, Georgia, in a game that showcased the team's combined talent for playing balanced and selfless basketball, and

1 WHEREAS, in this historic and record-making win, the
2 Florida Gators won the second consecutive NCAA Division One
3 Men's Basketball Championship for the University of Florida,
4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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8 That the Senate salutes the University of Florida Men's
9 Basketball Team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate
10 Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship, the second
11 such championship in the history of the University of Florida.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
13 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the
14 University of Florida, to Coach Billy Donovan, and to each
15 member of the Florida Gator Men's Basketball Team as a
16 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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