

By Senator Wise

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring University of Florida Quarterback Timothy "Tim" Tebow on winning the Heisman Trophy, and recognizing his athletic, academic, and other achievements.

WHEREAS, Tim Tebow was born on August 14, 1987, to Bob and Pam Tebow, who instilled in him the importance of giving to and serving others, and

WHEREAS, he has been an inspiration both on and off the football field, exhibiting character and compassion in his missionary work in the Philippines, where he regularly visits orphanages, and in his similar visits to hospitals in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Tim has maintained a 3.77 grade point average at the University of Florida while becoming only the fourth sophomore in the history of the university to earn first-team Academic All-American honors, and

WHEREAS, he played an integral role in the University of Florida's National Collegiate Athletic Association's national championship football team in 2006, and

WHEREAS, in the 2007 season, Tim Tebow threw 32 touchdown passes and ran for 23 touchdowns, earning a record as the first player in major college football history to run for at least 20 touchdowns and pass for at least 20 touchdowns in the same season, and

WHEREAS, his total of 55 touchdowns, with 23 rushing touchdowns, were both Southeastern Conference records, the latter also a national collegiate record for quarterbacks, and

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30 WHEREAS, Tim completed more than 66 percent of his passing
31 attempts for a total of 3,286 yards this season, guiding Florida
32 to a 9 and 4 record as the team led the Southeastern Conference
33 in scoring and total yardage, and

34 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2007, Tim Tebow became the first and
35 only sophomore ever to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's
36 most coveted and prestigious award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the Florida Senate commends Tim Tebow for his academic
41 and athletic accomplishments, recognizes him for his character
42 and compassion toward his fellow human beings, and congratulates
43 him on his historic recognition in being awarded the 2007 Heisman
44 Trophy.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
46 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Tim Tebow as a
47 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional copies of this
49 resolution be transmitted to University of Florida President J.
50 Bernard Machen and Head Football Coach Urban Meyer for
51 appropriate display.