

By Senator King

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Coach Mike Martin of the Florida State University Seminoles Baseball Team.

WHEREAS, Michael Martin was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on February 12, 1944, and

WHEREAS, Mike Martin began his career as a Florida State Seminole as starting center fielder in 1965 and 1966, returned in 1975 as assistant coach, and was promoted to Head Baseball Coach in 1979, and

WHEREAS, the Martin-coached Seminoles have won more baseball games since 2000 than any other school in the NCAA, and

WHEREAS, Coach Martin has coached 70 players who earned All-America honors, as well as 5 players who were named National Players of the Year, and

WHEREAS, under Coach Martin, FSU has won 15 conference championships, including 11 Metro Conference and 4 Atlantic Coast Conference titles, and

WHEREAS, the FSU baseball team has appeared in the NCAA tournament every year that Mike Martin has been head coach, contributing to the streak of 30 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, and

WHEREAS, FSU has traveled to 12 College World Series under Coach Martin, and

WHEREAS, he was honored with FSU's prestigious Westcott Award for saving the lives of players and staff when, in 2001, Coach Martin and then-assistant coach Chip Baker safely guided the team's charter bus to the side of a busy San Francisco highway after the driver suffered a fatal heart attack, and

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30 WHEREAS, Mike Martin has been honored as Atlantic Coast
31 Conference Coach of the Year five times, in 1996, 1998, 1999,
32 2001, and 2007, and

33 WHEREAS, Coach Martin is only the fourth coach in the
34 history of NCAA baseball to achieve 1,500 victories, and

35 WHEREAS, Coach Martin is the third-winningest coach in
36 Division I NCAA baseball history, and

37 WHEREAS, on January 5, 2007, Coach Mike Martin was inducted
38 into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, NOW,
39 THEREFORE,

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

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43 That Florida State University Head Baseball Coach Mike
44 Martin is saluted and commended for his great character and
45 talent and the achievements that have resulted therefrom.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
47 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Coach Mike Martin
48 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.