

By Senator Oelrich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2009 Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

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

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators football team has continued this tradition of athletic excellence, achieved and maintained through its hard work, determination, unselfish play, and team-first attitude, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida football team defeated the then top-ranked University of Alabama 31-20 in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game on December 6, 2008, giving the Gators their eighth conference championship, and

WHEREAS, under Athletic Director Jeremy Foley and head coach Urban Meyer and his coaching staff, the second-ranked Florida Gator players came together to form a championship team, earning a 24-14 victory over top-ranked University of Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game on January 8, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Gators previously won BCS Football Championships on January 2, 1997, and January 8, 2007, and

WHEREAS, with the 2009 Bowl Championship Series National Championship win, the University of Florida earned its third national football title, and its second in the past three seasons, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31 That the Florida Senate congratulates the University of
32 Florida football team for winning the 2009 Bowl Championship
33 Series National Championship Game, earning the university's
34 third national football title.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
36 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the President of
37 the University of Florida, Dr. J. Bernard Machen, to Athletic
38 Director Jeremy Foley, to Coach Urban Meyer, and to each
39 assistant coach and member of the Florida Gators football team
40 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.