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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring and congratulating the Florida
3 International University Golden Panthers Football Team on
4 its many accomplishments during the 2010-2011 season.
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6 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1965, Florida International
7 University has been Miami-Dade County's public university, and
8 today enrolls over 44,000 students and has more than 100,000
9 graduates living and working in South Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, it was not until 2000 that Florida International
11 University established a football program and not until 2002
12 that the team competed in its first season, and

13 WHEREAS, in 2005, Florida International University joined
14 the Sun Belt Conference and its football team ascended to
15 college football's National Collegiate Athletic Association
16 Football Bowl Subdivision, and

17 WHEREAS, on November 27, 2010, the Florida International
18 University Golden Panthers Football Team clinched its first Sun
19 Belt Conference championship title, with a 31-24 victory over
20 the Arkansas State University Red Wolves at FIU Stadium, earning
21 the program its first bowl berth, and

22 WHEREAS, on December 26, 2010, at the 2010 Little Caesars
23 Pizza Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, the Golden
24 Panthers, led by the game's Most Valuable Player, Eugene "T.Y."
25 Hilton, defeated the University of Toledo Rockets by a score of
26 34-32, providing the Golden Panthers football program with its
27 first bowl victory, and

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28 WHEREAS, outstanding skill, sportsmanship, and
29 competitiveness have been characteristics consistently
30 demonstrated by Golden Panthers Marquis Rolle, Willis Wright,
31 Junior Mertile, Larvez Mars, Eugene "T.Y." Hilton, Wayne Times,
32 Jeremiah Harden, Solomon Smith, Anthony Gaitor, Khambrel McGee,
33 Kedrick Rhodes, Glenn Coleman, Ashlyn Parker, Jake Medlock,
34 Wesley Carroll, Toronto Smith, Wayne Younger, Colt Anderson,
35 Franklin Brown, Dudley LaPorte, Kreg Brown, Randy Williams,
36 Chuck Grace, Markeith Russell, Terrance Taylor, Emmanuel
37 Souarin, Jonathan Cyprien, Darian Mallary, Jose Cheeseborough,
38 Darriet Perry, Dezariah Johnson, Jonathan Faucher, Jarvis
39 Wilson, Justin Halley, Cain Elliot, Zach Schaubaut, Robert
40 Boswell, Winston Fraser, Trenard Turner, Brandon Bennett,
41 Jarrell McGee, Derrick Jones, Jr., Jack Griffin, Sam Miller,
42 Josh Brisk, Kenneth Dillard, Torrence Seymour, Caleb Vincent,
43 Antwoine Bell, Jeremy Jermin, Aaron Davis, Michael Davies, Sam
44 Gervais, Kasey Smith, Junior Delpe, Dylan Lynch, David Delsoin,
45 Anton Graham, Nick Thorstenson, Giancarlo Revilla, Rupert Bryan,
46 Jr., Gregory Hickman, Michael Cal, Dereck Wimberly, Jr., Kenneth
47 White, Donald Senat, Christopher Edwards, Curtis Bryant, Chris
48 Nasiff, Mitch MacClugage, David Istanich, Kevin Van Kirk, Austin
49 Tottle, Caylin Hauptmann, Ceedrick Davis, Stephen Bailey, Chris
50 Cawthon, Andre Pound, Brad Serini, Cedric Mack, James Wiggins,
51 Jason "Ty" Frierson, Jairus Williams, Greg Ellingson, Ariel
52 Martinez, Michael Curry, Mitch Wozniak, Joey Harris, Mike Jean-
53 Louis, Jacob Younger, Rockey Vann, Jordan White, Paul Crawford,
54 Andrew Mattox, James Jones, Joshua Forney, Tourek Williams,
55 Jerrico Lee, Isame Faciane, Chris Schirripa, Julio Moraga,

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56 | Croswell Paige, Jason Fitch, Thatcher Starling, and Jonathan
57 | Jackson, and

58 | WHEREAS, head coach, and 2010 Sun Belt Conference Coach of
59 | the Year, Mario Cristobal has been recognized by the National
60 | Collegiate Athletic Association for the program's 74-point
61 | increase in the all-important Academic Progress Rate for "the
62 | improved academic performance of the football team since the
63 | arrival of (Coach Cristobal) in December 2006," and

64 | WHEREAS, the Golden Panthers' coaching and support staff,
65 | including Athletic Director Pete Garcia, Defensive Coordinator
66 | Geoff Collins, Offensive Coordinator Scott Satterfield, Cedric
67 | Calhoun, Greg Laffere, Alex Mirabal, Juan Navarro, Frank Ponce,
68 | Jeff Popovich, Apollo Wright, Phil Ockinga, Roderick Moore,
69 | Dennis Smith, Tony Egues, Dan Hernandez, Jared Brookman, and
70 | Andrew Green, exhibited exemplary leadership and guidance to the
71 | team throughout the season, and

72 | WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Florida
73 | International University Golden Panthers Football Team is
74 | applauded for the numerous accomplishments of its players,
75 | coaches, and staff, NOW, THEREFORE,

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77 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
78 | Florida:

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80 | That the Florida House of Representatives honors the 2010-
81 | 2011 Florida International University Golden Panthers Football
82 | Team for their many accomplishments, especially for having
83 | earned the university's first Sun Belt Conference championship

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84 title in football and its first bowl berth and first bowl
85 victory.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida House of
87 Representatives commends the entire Florida International
88 University community of students, alumni, faculty, staff,
89 administrators, friends, and loyal fans for their spirit and
90 dedication.

91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
92 presented to 2010-2011 Florida International University Golden
93 Panthers Football Team as a tangible token of the sentiments
94 expressed herein.