

By Senator Benacquisto

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the Florida Gulf Coast University men's basketball team for winning its first Division I Atlantic Sun Conference tournament championship and receiving an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball tournament, advancing all the way to the "Sweet Sixteen."

WHEREAS, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) has, in its short history, established a winning tradition in all sports, and

WHEREAS, the FGCU men's basketball team has successfully established this tradition of athletic excellence, achieved and maintained through its hard work, determination, unselfish play, and a team-first attitude, and

WHEREAS, inspired by Coach Andy Enfield and his coaching staff, Assistant Coaches Kevin Norris, Marty Richter, and Michael Fly, and Director of Operations Joey Cantens, as well as FGCU Eagles Brett Comer, Nate Hicks, Bernard Thompson, Christophe Varidel, Jamail Jones, Eric McKnight, Alexander Blessig, Filip Cvjeticanin, Chase Fieler, Leonard Livingston, Jr., Eddie Murray, Marcus Blake, Sherwood Brown, and Dajuan Graf came together to form a championship-caliber team, and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2013, the FGCU Eagles won their first Division I Atlantic Sun Conference men's basketball tournament championship in Macon, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, by winning the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament, the FGCU Eagles earned an automatic bid and advanced for the

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30 first time in the history of the basketball program to the NCAA  
31 men's basketball tournament, and

32 WHEREAS, on March 22, 2013, in a historic win, the number  
33 15 seed FGCU Eagles defeated the South Region's number 2 seed  
34 team, the Georgetown University Hoyas, by a score of 78-68 in  
35 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which showcased the Eagles' combined  
36 talent for playing balanced and selfless basketball, and

37 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2013, the FGCU Eagles won the second  
38 round of the tournament, defeating the number 7 seed San Diego  
39 State University Aztecs by a score of 81-71, also in  
40 Philadelphia, the first 15 seed team in NCAA history to advance  
41 to the exceptional field of the final "Sweet Sixteen" teams, and

42 WHEREAS, the storied play of the FGCU Eagles firmly  
43 established the FGCU campus as "Dunk City" in the sports  
44 lexicon, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That we commend the Florida Gulf Coast University men's  
49 basketball team for winning the 2013 Atlantic Sun Conference  
50 tournament men's basketball championship and for its historic  
51 wins in the Division I National Collegiate Athletic Association  
52 men's basketball tournament.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
54 presented to FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, Head Coach Andy  
55 Enfield, Assistant Coaches Kevin Norris, Marty Richter, and  
56 Michael Fly, and to each member of the Florida Gulf Coast  
57 University Eagles men's basketball team as a tangible token of  
58 the sentiments expressed in this resolution.