

By Senator Bradley

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the University of Florida women's gymnastics team for winning its first National Collegiate Athletic Association women's gymnastics title, as well as the Southeastern Conference and NCAA Regional championships for 2013.

WHEREAS, the University of Florida (UF) has a long and storied tradition of athletic excellence, and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2013, in Los Angeles, UF's women's gymnastics team won the university's 30th national title, and

WHEREAS, the gymnastics team swept the team titles in each of the three championship meets it competed in during the 2013 season: the Southeastern Conference, the NCAA Regional, and the NCAA Championships, and

WHEREAS, UF is the fifth team to claim the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championship, joining Alabama, UCLA, Georgia, and Utah, since the NCAA began fielding women's championships in the 1981-1982 season, and

WHEREAS, the Gators entered the NCAA Championships as the top-seeded, top-ranked team in seven of the final nine national rankings of the 2013 season, and

WHEREAS, the Gators rallied from counting a fall in their opening rotation—the balance beam—and on the team's next event, floor exercise, the Gators turned in an NCAA Championship record event total of 49.725 points, and

WHEREAS, on the final day of the NCAA Championships, two Gators picked up event titles, and

WHEREAS, six Gators picked up 16 All-America honors,

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30 equaling the school record set in 2012, and

31 WHEREAS, UF has appeared in 31 of the possible 32 NCAA
32 Gymnastics Championships, and

33 WHEREAS, of the nation's top eight team totals of 2013,
34 five were turned in by the Gators in their last nine meets, NOW,
35 THEREFORE,

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

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39 That we commend the University of Florida women's
40 gymnastics team for winning its first National Collegiate
41 Athletic Association women's gymnastics title as well as the
42 Southeastern Conference and NCAA Regional championships for
43 2013.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
45 presented to UF President Dr. J. Bernard Machen as a tangible
46 token of the sentiments expressed in this resolution.