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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the Florida Gulf Coast
3 University Men's Basketball Team.

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

7 WHEREAS, the Florida Gulf Coast University Men's Basketball
8 Team has successfully cemented this tradition of athletic
9 excellence, achieved and maintained through hard work,
10 determination, unselfish play, and a team-first attitude, and

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

19 WHEREAS, on March 9, 2013, the FGCU Eagles won their first
20 Division I Atlantic Sun Conference Men's Basketball Tournament
21 Championship in Macon, Georgia, and as a result of this win, the
22 team earned an automatic bid and advanced for the first time in
23 Florida Gulf Coast University history to the National Collegiate
24 Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball Tournament, and

25 WHEREAS, on March 22, 2013, in a historic and record-
26 setting win, the number 15 seed FGCU Eagles defeated the South
27 Region's number two seed team, the Georgetown University Hoyas,
28 by a score of 78-68 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, showcasing

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29 the team's combined talent for playing balanced and selfless
30 basketball, and

31 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2013, the FGCU Eagles won the second
32 round of the tournament, defeating the number seven seed team,
33 the San Diego State University Aztecs, by a score of 81-71, also
34 in Philadelphia, and became the first number 15 seed team in
35 NCAA history to join the exceptional final "Sweet Sixteen" teams
36 as well as earning the beloved moniker of "Dunk City" for the
37 FGCU campus, NOW, THEREFORE,

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39 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
40 Florida:

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42 That the Florida Gulf Coast University Men's Basketball
43 Team is saluted for winning the 2013 Division I Atlantic Sun
44 Conference Tournament Men's Basketball Championship and is
45 congratulated on their historic wins in the National Collegiate
46 Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
48 presented to Florida Gulf Coast University President Wilson G.
49 Bradshaw, Head Coach Andy Enfield, Assistant Coaches Kevin
50 Norris, Marty Richter, and Michael Fly, and each member of the
51 Florida Gulf Coast University Men's Basketball Team as a
52 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.