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House Resolution

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2 A resolution commending the University of North
3 Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2015
4 Atlantic Sun Conference men's basketball championship.
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6 WHEREAS, the University of North Florida has established a
7 tradition of developing student athletes who must meet the high
8 academic standards of admission to the university without
9 exception, and

10 WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 UNF men's basketball team has
11 successfully embodied both athletic and academic excellence by
12 maintaining a team grade point average of 3.037, which is higher
13 than the average of the entire undergraduate student body, while
14 delivering the most exciting season of play on the basketball
15 court in the university's history, and

16 WHEREAS, the team has consistently achieved and maintained
17 athletic excellence through hard work, determination, unselfish
18 play, and a team-first attitude, and

19 WHEREAS, inspired by Head Coach Matthew Driscoll; his
20 coaching staff of Bobby Kennen, Byron Taylor, Stephen Perkins
21 and Frank Young; and UNF Athletic Director Lee "Coach" Moon, the
22 UNF Ospreys, including Jalen Nesbitt, Karlos Odum, Beau Beech,
23 Chase Driscoll, Devin Wilson, Osborn Blount, Trent Mackey, Aaron
24 Bodager, Dallas Moore, Ismaila Dauda, Nick Malonga, Demarcus
25 Daniels, Romelo Banks, and Chris Davenport, came together to
26 form a championship-caliber team, and

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27 WHEREAS, on March 8, 2015, the UNF Ospreys won the Division
28 I Atlantic Sun Conference men's basketball championship, the
29 first in the history of the program, and with a record of 23-11,
30 the team received an automatic bid to the National Collegiate
31 Athletic Association men's basketball tournament, solidifying
32 the best season in school history, and

33 WHEREAS, the team is supported by a spirited pep band,
34 talented cheerleaders, and a popular, animated mascot lovingly
35 known as Ozzie, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Florida:

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40 That the University of North Florida men's basketball team
41 is commended for winning the 2015 Atlantic Sun Conference men's
42 basketball championship and for its historic representation of
43 Florida in the Division I National Collegiate Athletic
44 Association men's basketball tournament.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to UNF President John Delaney; Head Coach Matthew
47 Driscoll; the coaching staff of Bobby Kennen, Byron Taylor,
48 Stephen Perkins and Frank Young; UNF Athletic Director Lee
49 "Coach" Moon; and each member of the UNF Ospreys men's
50 basketball team as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
51 herein.