

By Senator Broxson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the University of West Florida Argonauts football team for winning the 2019 NCAA Division II Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Argonauts football team completed the 2019 regular season with an 8-2 record, qualifying for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II national championship playoffs, and

WHEREAS, the Argonauts football team began its playoff journey, nicknamed the "Trap Tour," by completing one of the most remarkable postseason feats in NCAA football history, defeating three number 1 seeds, including the defending national champion, and ending the three longest home field winning streaks in NCAA Division II football, and

WHEREAS, this historic feat qualified the Argonauts to compete for the NCAA Division II Football Championship just 4 years after the founding of the team, making the Argonauts the first team in NCAA Division II football history to qualify to play in the national championship in so short a period of time, and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2019, in McKinney, Texas, the Argonauts defeated the Minnesota State University football team, ending one of the longest winning streaks in NCAA Division II football and claiming their first NCAA Division II Football Championship for the Argonauts, and

WHEREAS, Argonauts wide receiver Quentin Randolph had 10 receptions for a school record of 254 yards and tied the NCAA Division II Football Championship game receiving record with

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30 three touchdowns, and

31 WHEREAS, Argonauts wide receiver Tate Lehito had 13  
32 receptions and set the NCAA Division II Football Championship  
33 game receiving record with 139 yards and one touchdown, and

34 WHEREAS, Argonauts quarterback Austin Reed finished with a  
35 school and NCAA Division II Football Championship game record of  
36 523 passing yards and six passing touchdowns, and

37 WHEREAS, the Argonauts football team is the only team in  
38 the State University System to earn a national football  
39 championship title for the 2019 season, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That the University of West Florida Argonauts football team  
44 is commended for winning the 2019 NCAA Division II Football  
45 Championship.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
47 presented to University of West Florida President Martha D.  
48 Saunders, Director of Athletics Dave Scott, Head Coach Pete  
49 Shinnick, and Assistant Head Coach Steve Saulnier as a tangible  
50 token of the sentiments expressed herein.