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1 House Resolution

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

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6 WHEREAS, the University of West Florida football team
7 completed the 2019 regular season with an 8-2 record, qualifying
8 them for the NCAA Division II national championship playoffs,
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10 WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Argonauts began
11 their playoff journey, nicknamed the "Trap Tour," by completing
12 one of the most remarkable post-season runs in NCAA football
13 history, defeating three number one seeds, including the
14 defending national champions, and ending the three longest home
15 field winning streaks in Division II football, and

16 WHEREAS, the historic run of the University of West Florida
17 Argonauts qualified them to compete for the NCAA Division II
18 Football Championship and, as a team established only 4 years
19 ago, made the Argonauts the fastest team in NCAA Division II
20 football history to reach the national championship, and

21 WHEREAS, on December 21, 2019, in McKinney, Texas, the
22 University of West Florida defeated Minnesota State University,
23 ending one of the longest winning streaks in Division II
24 football and claiming the first NCAA Division II Football
25 Championship for the Argonauts, and

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

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

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

36 WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Argonauts are the
37 only football team in the State University System to earn the
38 title of national football champions for the 2019 season, NOW,
39 THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
42 Florida:

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

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

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51 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.