

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1081**

**TITLE: Resolution Honoring Latinx Alumnus Alejandro de Quesada, M.D.**

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**SPONSOR(S): Senator Kevin Trejos, Senator Alana Rush, Senator Mary Faas, Diversity Cabinet Chair Stephanie Beltran, Students Taking Action Against Racism Agency Head Derlis Leyva, Hispanic Student Association President Isabella Oliver, Florida Latinx Hispanic American Student Union President Katie Hernandez, Senator Maria Espinoza**

**WHEREAS**, Alejandro de Quesada, M.D. is a former nephrology researcher at the University of Florida Health Science Center; and,

**WHEREAS**, de Quesada had his beginnings in Cuba where he was a kidney disease doctor, or nephrologist, for years [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, de Quesada first worked at D.C. General Hospital, teaching and practicing medicine for over 40 years [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, de Quesada furthered his career by helping found the University of South Florida medical school and the Lifelink Foundation of Florida, which distributes organ/tissue donations [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, de Quesada, along with other doctors in 1965, invented the famous “carbohydrate-electrolyte beverage” known as “Gatorade,” to improve the hydration of athletes more effectively than water [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, de Quesada is a Cuban-American Gator that had humble beginnings and continues to lead a life of success; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Summer 2019 Latinx Caucus recognizes and honors Alejandro de Quesada’s lifetime of work and achievements.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and honors Alejandro de Quesada’s lifetime of work and achievements.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate stands in support of the Hispanic and Latinx community and congratulates future Latinx alumni.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost Dr. Joseph Glover, Dean of Students Dr. Heather White, Dean of the International Center Leonardo A Villión, Associate Dean of Students and Senior Director of Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Will Atkins, Director of Hispanic Latino Affairs Bianca Z. Quiñones, Hispanic-Latino Affairs Graduate Assistant Juan Pulido, STAAR Agency Head Derlis Leyva, Diversity Cabinet Chair Stephanie Beltran, Hispanic Student Association President Isabella Oliver, Cuban American Student Association President Adriana Padron, and Society for the Advancement of Chicanos, Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences President Alexandra Hernandez.*

[1] <https://www.businessobserverfl.com/article/thirst-quencher>

[2] <https://gatorade.com.au/nothing-beats-gatorade/>