

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1082

TITLE: Resolution Honoring Latinx Alumna Virginia Montes

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WHEREAS, Virginia “Ginny” Montes received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Florida and her Masters from Florida State University [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Montes lived her life as a civil rights activist and feminist; and

WHEREAS, Montes served the National Organization for Women for over 13 years [2]; and

WHEREAS, Montes served as the President, the government liaison, and head lobbyist for the Georgia chapter of the National Organization for Women [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Montes worked in redrawing district lines in the South to strengthen minority representation [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Montes also served as the national secretary of the National Organization for Women, and was the first Latin-American woman to do so [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Montes also served on the National Political Action Committee for the National Organization for Women [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Montes was a delegate to three Democratic National Conventions [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Montes famously defended President Clinton’s nomination of Lani Guinier to lead the civil rights division of the Justice Department [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia “Ginny” Montes was a Honduran-American Gator who lived a life dedicated to serving others and representing underrepresented groups; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Summer 2019 Latinx Caucus recognizes and honors Virginia Montes as a Latinx alumna and her grand social service.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and honors Virginia Montes as a Latinx alumna and her grand social service.

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, Gator National Organization for Women President Kristianne Nocom, Lucha Latina President Melannie Sandoval, and Central American Latin Organization President Karla Wellman.

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ginny_Montes

[2] <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/160970364/virginia-e-montes#source>

[3] <https://www.nytimes.com/1994/10/11/obituaries/virginia-e-montes-50-women-s-rights-advocate.html>