

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1087

TITLE: Resolution Honoring Latinx Alumna Julissa Calderon

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WHEREAS, Julissa Calderon attended the University of Florida from 2007 to 2011, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Calderon has worked as an actress starring in major shows such as The Donkey Show at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Woman on the Move at the Mos Art Theatre, Joey and Maria's Comedic Italian Wedding in the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, and Road Through Heaven at the New Theatre [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Calderon has worked for BuzzFeed, a prominent company producing social media content and videos, as a Video Producer since April 2016 [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Calderon was one of the many Hispanic and Latinx individuals who contributed to the BuzzFeed project catering to individuals of the Latino culture called "Pero Like" [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Calderon recently left her old position at BuzzFeed, effectively serving them for approximately 3 years [3]; and,

WHEREAS, at the 2018 Hispanic-Latinx Student Assembly, Calderon visited as the keynote speaker for the event and spoke on many issues in the Hispanic and Latinx community and brought much pride to the community [4]; and,

WHEREAS, Julissa Calderon is a Dominican-American Gator from an adverse and underrepresented background; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Summer 2019 Latinx Caucus recognizes and honors Julissa Calderon as a Latinx alumna.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and honors Julissa Calderon as a Latinx alumna.

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, Lucha Latina President Melannie Sandoval, and Dominican Student Association President Ilaisah Martinez.

[1] <https://www.linkedin.com/in/julissa-calderon-52640a36>

[2] <https://www.niemanlab.org/2016/02/buzzfeed-launches-pero-like-a-distributed-project-for-the-english-speaking-latinx-community/>

[3] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiA1A-ZPMs0>

[4] https://www.alligator.org/news/campus/uf-alumna-buzzfeed-producer-discusses-being-latinx/article_620a5218-ace2-11e8-9a14-074c70932356.html