

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-1060

TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1993 as the second woman in U.S. history elevated to the high court, as well as the first Jewish woman, serving a total of 27 years as a Supreme Court Justice [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been called, "A legal pioneer for gender equality", "The nation's preeminent litigator for women's rights", and even a, "Pop-culture icon" [2]; and,

WHEREAS, during her time on the court she advanced women's rights by fighting for the right to sign a mortgage without a male co-signer, the right to create a bank account without a male co-signer, the right to women's own reproductive health by protecting *Roe v. Wade*, and the right to thrive in a workplace without discrimination [3]; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital to celebrate women who fought for others' rights before gaining their own; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports each and every woman on our campus as they apply for positions, excel in their areas of study, and encourage them to accomplish their goals, just as Ginsburg did.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commemorates the life and death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students Heather White.

[1]<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ruth-bader-ginsburg-dies-age-87-supreme-court-justice-court/>

[2]<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/09/18/ruth-bader-ginsburg-supreme-court/545704001/>

[3]<https://achievement.org/achiever/ruth-bader-ginsburg/>