

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1001**

**TITLE: Resolution Commemorating the Lives of Margaret Paxton and Sophia Lambert**

**AUTHOR(S): Senator Faith Allen, Judiciary Chairman Franco Luis, Majority Party Leader Blake Robinson, Senator Noah Fineberg, Senator Jason Scheuer**

**SPONSORS: Student Body President Trevor Pope, Senate Pro-Tempore Gabriella Zlatanoff, External Affairs Director Will Sandifer, Chair of Action SG Abby Morris, Senate President Cooper Brown, Senator Spencer Bober, Senator Georgia Seacrest, Senator Anna Bernstein, Senator Thomas Wildermuth, Senator Jewelia Bradley, Senator Rebekah Shields, Senator Catherine Giordano, Senator Kaitlyn Cullen, Senator Jake Hagan, Senator Jeffrey Fondeur, Senator Suzanna Barna**

**WHEREAS,** On the evening of December 9, 2020, Margaret Paxton, a freshman year student at the University of Florida who was tragically killed in a hit and run accident [1]; and,

**WHEREAS,** On the evening of January 16, 2021, Sophia Lambert, a sophomore year student at the University of Florida passed away after an accident that occurred on West University Avenue and Buckman Drive [2]; and,

**WHEREAS,** Margaret Paxton was described by loved ones as, “Genuine, strong, compassionate, caring, and loving. Maggie was such an amazing and positive girl that was always willing to give a helping hand.” [3]; and,

**WHEREAS,** Sophia Lambert was described by loved ones as being, “Passionate, kind, outspoken, and loving.” [4]; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that these two members of the University community were dedicated, gifted students who contributed their unique passions and experiences to our institution;

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED,** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the loss of these University of Florida students’ lives as a heartbreaking tragedy for their families, friends, panhellenic sisters, and the entire UF community;

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED,** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of commemorating the lives, spirits, and experiences of University of Florida students, Margaret Paxton and Sophia Lambert.

[1] <https://www.wcjb.com/2020/12/11/18-year-old-uf-hit-and-run-victim-margaret-paxton-remembered-by-best-friend/>

[2] <https://mycbs4.com/news/local/uf-community-remembers-sophia-lambert-19-killed-in-crash>

[3] <https://www.instagram.com/p/CIrKIweFAhW/>

[4] <https://www.instagram.com/p/CKKgU8JFjXK/>

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students Heather White, UF Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Charlie Lane, and Vice President for Student Affairs D'Andra Mull*