

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1028

TITLE: Censuring Senator Jonathan C. Stephens

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WHEREAS, during the May 24th, 2022 regular Senate meeting Senator Stephens was observed making a physical hand motion that was interpreted by many as an offensive act toward those who live with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, during the July 5, 2022 regular Senate meeting Senator Stephens once again routinely interrupted the business of the Senate and was issued two warnings by the Senate President; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule XIII § (1)(a)(ii), Senators may be censured for repeatedly disrupting the business of the Senate; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule XIII § (1)(a) a petition was filed with the Rules & Ethics Committee to request censure; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule XIII § (1)(b) and Rule XI § (4)(c) a proper investigation was conducted by the Rules and Ethics Committee; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule XI § (4)(c)(xi), now that the Rules & Ethics Committee has found the charges well founded, the committee shall report to the Senate a resolution calling for Senator Jonathan C. Stephens's censure, now;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Senator Jonathan C. Stephens be censured; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that Senator Jonathan C. Stephens appear before the University of Florida Student Senate for the pronouncement of censure; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that Senator Jonathan C. Stephens be censured with a public reading of this resolution by the Senate President.

