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**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1177**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Maintaining Commitment to Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Upgrade**

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**SPONSOR(S): Majority Party Leader Julia Seifer**

**WHEREAS**, an energy efficient building will have the advantage of lower energy, water, and maintenance costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, energy efficient buildings have lower greenhouse gas emissions due to their reduced reliance on fossil fuels; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida was awarded Trane's 2017 Energy Efficiency Leader Award for its renovation of the Reitz Union that resulted in over 53% in energy savings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the administration of the University of Florida has demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability through initiatives such as the Green Building Certification program [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the continuous initiatives of the UF administration have played a significant role in enhancing the university's standing as a pioneer in sustainable practices, as exemplified by the attainment of a Silver Rating in The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). STARS is a transparent, self-reporting framework designed for colleges and universities to assess their sustainability performance [3]; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of sustainability the importance of sustainability in promoting environmental stewardship and resource conservation.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the exemplary work of the UF administration in achieving energy efficiency goals, as evidenced by the Trane's 2017 Energy Efficiency Leader Award and continued dedication to sustainability initiatives.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses its strong support for the ongoing commitment of the UF administration to

