

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1104

TITLE: Resolution to Commemorate the Life and Lasting Contributions of University of Florida Alumnus and former Student Body President Kevin Reilly

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SPONSORS:

WHEREAS, Kevin Reilly, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Florida, demonstrated an early and profound dedication to public service and leadership within the university community; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the University of Florida, Mr. Reilly served with distinction as Student Senate President and subsequently as Student Body President for the 2008 - 2009 school year; and,

WHEREAS, as Student Body President, Mr. Reilly served as the student member on the University of Florida Board of Trustees, where he was commended by the Board for bringing "his independent judgment, leadership, and wisdom to the Board, discharging his duties as Trustee faithfully and effectively"; and,

WHEREAS, his campus involvement extended to membership in organizations such as Florida Blue Key and Theta Chi Fraternity, and he pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science as well as a Master of Science in Business Management, both from the University of Florida, reflecting a broad and engaged university experience; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly held a deep and enduring love for the Gator Nation, consistently demonstrating his loyalty for the University of Florida and his desire to give back to his alma mater, a testament to his strong connection to the university community; and,

WHEREAS, following his graduation, Mr. Reilly embarked on a significant career in Florida politics, serving in key roles including Legislative Aide to State Representative John Tobia, Legislative Affairs Director for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Legislative Affairs Director for the Florida Commission on Offender Review, and as Legislative Affairs Director for then-Governor Rick Scott; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Reilly's commitment to public service extended to the national level, where he served as Chief of Staff for U.S. Representative Laurel Lee, a role of immense responsibility and a testament to his extensive experience and leadership acumen; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin Reilly's recent passing in May 2025 elicited heartfelt tributes from prominent figures such as Senator Rick Scott and former Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos, who lauded his talent, kindness, dedication, and the significant impact he made both professionally and personally; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate formally commemorates the life, dedicated service, and contributions of Kevin Reilly to the University of Florida, the state of Florida, and the nation.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the family of Kevin Reilly.