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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1186

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing Former University of Florida President Kent Fuchs

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WHEREAS, Dr. Kent Fuchs served as the President of the University of Florida from January 1, 2015, to January 6, 2023, and again as interim President from August 2024, to August 2025; and

WHEREAS, under President Fuchs' leadership, the University of Florida rose in national rankings and achieved status as a top-five public university, reflecting his commitment to academic excellence and innovation; and,

WHEREAS, President Fuchs spearheaded transformative initiatives to advance research, expand student opportunities, and strengthen UF's global reputation as a leading institution of higher education; and,

WHEREAS, President Fuchs was deeply engaged with the student body, often attending campus events, fostering open dialogue, and supporting student-led initiatives, which enhanced the culture of inclusivity and community at UF; and,

WHEREAS, his tenure oversaw historic growth in enrollment, infrastructure, and faculty recruitment, ensuring that future generations of Gators benefit from enhanced resources and opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, President Fuchs guided the University of Florida through unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, with resilience, transparency, and a commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of the UF community; and,

WHEREAS, his humility, kindness, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting impression on students, faculty, staff, and alumni across the Gator Nation; then,

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THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate extends its deepest gratitude to former President Kent Fuchs for his years of dedicated service, visionary leadership, and profound contributions to the advancement of our university.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to former University of Florida President Kent Fuchs.

Julia Seifer

Date