

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1190

TITLE: Resolution Honoring Julia Seifer for her Service to the University of Florida Student Senate

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SPONSORS: All Senators Past and Present

WHEREAS, Julia Seifer has served as the Dean of the Senate, Majority Party Leader, Senate Pro Tempore, and Senate President, mentoring more than 250 Senators and setting high standards of productivity, collaboration, and professionalism; and,

WHEREAS, as a first-year Senator, she was elected in the Jennings election with 197 votes, broke through committee gridlock to serve on both the R&E and I&C Committees during Summer B and fostered unity during a contentious time; and,

WHEREAS, as Majority Party Leader, she was unanimously selected by her peers, won re-election with 4,319 votes, created training videos to teach parliamentary procedure and Senate operations, negotiated across party lines, and cultivated a culture where open debate and legislative productivity flourished; and,

WHEREAS, under her leadership, initiatives such as Food for Fines, the expansion of GSC travel grants, the health caucus formation, the implementation of grief and bereavement resources at the Counseling and Wellness Center, extended recreation hours, and increased menstrual product access demonstrated a commitment to service, inclusivity, and tangible impact; and,

WHEREAS, as Senate President, Julia worked with the Reitz Bookstore to establish Round Up, an initiative establishing a permanent fundraising stream for the Field and Fork Pantry, created accountability through mandated ad hoc reports, and advanced campus mobility and safety with initiatives including a speed bump on Hull Road, a Canvas safety module, and student-focused responses to tragedy; and,

WHEREAS, Julia Seifer championed mental health and accessibility by adding CWC and DRC liaisons to Senate, supporting overdose prevention efforts, ensuring students with disabilities could fully participate in Senate voting, and enhancing accessibility within the Senate Chamber; and,

WHEREAS, she strengthened institutional knowledge and transparency by introducing new member orientation packets, parliamentary resources, a legislative feedback form, and the Senate

