

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-141**

**TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Victims and Service Members of 9/11**

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**WHEREAS**, on September 11th, 2001, our country experienced a grave tragedy wherein nineteen al-Qaeda extremists attacked the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, two aircrafts were deliberately flown into the twin towers located in New York City around 8:45 AM<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, another aircraft struck the Pentagon at 9:45 AM<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, at 10:10 AM<sup>1</sup>, Flight 93 crash landed in rural Pennsylvania after the heroic passengers and flight crew attempted to regain control of the aircraft from the terrorists aboard; and

**WHEREAS**, international terrorism is perpetrated by individuals and/or groups inspired by or associated with designated foreign terrorist organizations or nations (state-sponsored)<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, a total of 2,977 people from diverse backgrounds and all walks of life were killed in the attacks; and,

**WHEREAS**, 403 of those deaths were first responders; and,

**WHEREAS**, student groups at the University of Florida recognize the tragedy that happened on 9/11<sup>4</sup> and that the heartache caused by its aftermath affected countless University of Florida students; and,

**WHEREAS**, a tragedy that affects any group of students at the University of Florida affects all of us united as a Gator Nation<sup>5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that The University of Florida Student Government makes every effort to ensure that all the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks and the far-reaching distress of that fateful day on the University of Florida Student Body are never forgotten; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate salutes the brave men and women who perished on Flight 93, as they saved countless lives by sacrificing themselves to ensure that a terrorist attack did not strike the U.S. Capitol.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of remembering this terrorist attack on American Soil.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and supports student groups making efforts to remember those who have fallen.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate desires to honor the lives of the 2,977 victims of the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11th, 2001.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.history.com/topics/9-11-attacks>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/terrorism>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.gainesville.com/photogallery/LK/20170918/PHOTOGALLERY/918009994/PH/1>

<sup>4</sup><https://thedailynerv.com/uf-young-americans-for-freedom-to-commemorate-9-11-fc400833ac78>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.gainesville.com/news/20110909/911-has-meant-many-changes-at-uf>

 Danielle Grosse 9/12/2018

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Senate President

Date

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Kent Fuchs, University of Florida Provost Joseph Glover, Vice President of Student Affairs David Parrott, Vice President for Government and Community Relations Mark Kaplan, Dean of Students Heather White, and University of Florida Collegiate Veterans Society President Randi Cooper.*