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House Resolution

A resolution congratulating the University of Florida Football Team for winning the 2009 Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators have long been recognized for their winning tradition in all sports, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators Football Team has continued this tradition of athletic excellence, achieved and maintained through their hard work, determination, unselfish play, and team-first attitude, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Football Team defeated the then top-ranked University of Alabama 31-20 in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game on December 6, 2008, giving the Gators their eighth conference championship, and

WHEREAS, under head coach Urban Meyer and his coaching staff, and Athletic Director Jeremy Foley, the second-ranked Florida Gator players came together to form a championship team, earning a 24-14 victory over top-ranked University of Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game on January 8, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Gators had previously won Bowl Championship Series National Championships on January 2, 1997, and January 8, 2007, and

WHEREAS, with the 2009 Bowl Championship Series National Championship win, the University of Florida earned its third national football title, and its second in the past three seasons, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida:

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33 That the Florida House of Representatives congratulates the
34 University of Florida Football Team for winning the 2009 Bowl
35 Championship Series National Championship Game, the university's
36 third national football title.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
38 presented to the President of the University of Florida, Dr. J.
39 Bernard Machen, to Athletic Director Jeremy Foley, to Coach
40 Urban Meyer, and to each assistant coach and member of the
41 Florida Gators Football Team as a tangible token of the
42 sentiments expressed herein.