By Senator Gruters

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Senate Resolution

A resolution declaring the Florida State University Seminoles basketball team, by virtue of tremendous skill on the court and the heart and spirit shown by the players and coaches this basketball season, the 2020 National College Athletic Association basketball champions by default upon cancellation of the NCAA tournament due to concerns raised by the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Florida State University Seminoles basketball team, under the leadership of Coach Leonard Hamilton, was crowned the regular season Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) champion after a season of superlatives, thus earning the No. 1 seed in the ACC postseason tournament, and

WHEREAS, upon cancellation of the ACC postseason tournament due to concerns raised by the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, the Seminoles were officially proclaimed the conference champions and were awarded the ACC championship trophy, and

WHEREAS, the Seminoles, ranked No. 4 in the national college basketball standings, ended the regular season with a 26-5 record and were favored to challenge the top seeds in the national tournament and take home the national title, and

WHEREAS, the NCAA basketball championship tournament, known to fans, players, and pundits as March Madness, has also been canceled due to concerns raised by the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida State University Seminoles basketball team, by virtue of tremendous skill on the court and the heart and spirit shown by the players and coaches this basketball season, is declared the 2020 National College Athletic Association basketball champions by default upon cancellation of the NCAA tournament due to concerns raised by the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Coach Leonard Hamilton and Florida State University President John Thrasher as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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