

111TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 13

Congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2008 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 2009

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Florida football team for winning the 2008 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship.

Whereas on January 8, 2009, before a crowd of more than 78,000 fans in Miami, Florida, the University of Florida Gators won the 2008 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national title with a stunning 24–14 triumph over the University of Oklahoma Sooners;

Whereas the University of Florida is one of the premier academic institutions in the State of Florida;

Whereas the University of Florida Gators captured the Southeastern Conference championship title on December 6, 2008;

Whereas University of Florida football Head Coach Urban Meyer has won two BCS national championship games in the past 3 years;

Whereas University of Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was named the Most Outstanding Player of the BCS national title;

Whereas Tim Tebow won the Maxwell Award for the second time in 2 years;

Whereas the University of Florida defense held the University of Oklahoma to only 363 yards of offense in the BCS championship game;

Whereas the Gators finished 2008 ranked first in the Associated Press Poll and first in the Coaches Poll;

Whereas the Gators finished the 2008 season with a record of 13–1;

Whereas the University of Florida student athletes are among the most talented in the Nation;

Whereas University of Florida fans worldwide supported and encouraged the Gators throughout the football season;

Whereas University of Florida President J. Bernard Machen and Athletic Director Jeremy N. Foley have shown great leadership in bringing success and glory to the University of Florida; and

Whereas the University of Florida students, faculty, alumni, and all Gator fans are deeply committed to bringing pride to the University of Florida and the entire State of Florida: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) congratulates the University of Florida  
2           Gators for winning the 2008 Bowl Championship  
3           Series (BCS) national championship;

4           (2) recognizes the achievements of the players,  
5           coaches, students, and staff whose hard work and  
6           dedication helped the University of Florida Gators  
7           win the championship; and

8           (3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the  
9           Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-  
10          tion to—

11           (A) the University of Florida for appro-  
12          priate display;

13           (B) President of the University of Florida,  
14          J. Bernard Machen;

15           (C) Athletic Director of the University of  
16          Florida, Jeremy N. Foley; and

17           (D) Head Coach of the University of Flor-  
18          ida football team, Urban Meyer.

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