



Title: The Tuition Equality Resolution

Date Introduced:

WHEREAS, over 65,000 undocumented students graduate from American high schools each year

WHEREAS, about 5,000 undocumented students graduate from Florida high schools each year, where they have achieved academic excellence and gained admission to the best public universities in the state of Florida

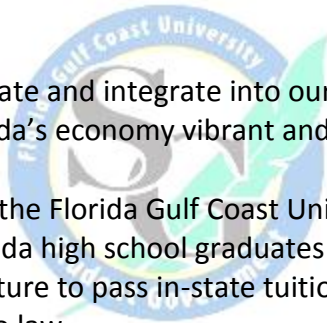
WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, President Obama ordered Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which granted prosecutorial discretion towards individuals who meet the criteria of being in the country before 2011 and graduated from high school or honorably discharged from the military,

WHEREAS, over 18,000 youth in Florida have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status,

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Governors passed and adopted a resolution on April 21, 2005 granting Non-U.S. citizens who fall within 14 categories, including individuals granted Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action Status, Deferred Enforced Departure Status eligibility to establish Florida residency for tuition purposes.

WHEREAS, over the past decade more than 16 states, including Kansas, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Nebraska have passed in-state tuition policies for all students who have graduated from their states' high schools regardless of status

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has an opportunity to address the issue of tuition equity for students who have graduated from a Florida high school or attained a high school equivalency diploma



WHEREAS, as these students graduate and integrate into our society as educated professionals, they will contribute to making Florida’s economy vibrant and strengthen our tax base

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Gulf Coast University Student Government supports in-state tuition for all Florida high school graduates regardless of current immigration status and urges the Florida Legislature to pass in-state tuition legislations and urges Governor Rick Scott to sign the legislation into law.

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Vote: Yes _____ **No** _____ **Abstain** _____

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