Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for FGCU Men’s Basketball Team

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve resolution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The FGCU Men’s Basketball Team achieved extraordinary success in the 2012-2013 postseason Atlantic Sun Conference and NCAA Tournaments, and put FGCU’s “Dunk City” on the world stage. The proposed resolution is in appreciation for the team’s and coaches’ accomplishments.

Supporting Documentation Included: Resolution of Appreciation

Prepared by: Vice President and Chief of Staff Susan Evans

Legal Review: N/A

Submitted by: President Wilson G. Bradshaw
A Resolution of the
Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, in 2001 there was created a new system of K-20 seamless education for the State of Florida, which included installation of the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees recognizes excellence and outstanding performance at Florida Gulf Coast University with official Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Men’s Basketball Team in 2013 achieved tremendous success and made NCAA history, thus creating throughout the United States and beyond extraordinary name recognition and pride for Southwest Florida, the Florida Gulf Coast University Athletics program, and Florida Gulf Coast University – to be forevermore known as DUNK CITY; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2013 in Macon, Georgia, the FGCU Eagles won their first NCAA Division I Atlantic Sun Conference Men’s Basketball championship, thus earning a No. 15 seed and advancing for the team’s inaugural visit to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2013 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, the FGCU Eagles – mistakenly viewed by many as the underdog – SOUNDLY defeated Georgetown University 78-68; and

WHEREAS, with DUNK CITY mania feverishly sounding from coast to coast, the FGCU Eagles in their next NCAA Tournament game on March 24, 2013 in Philadelphia SOUNDLY defeated San Diego State University 81-71, making NCAA history by becoming the first ever No. 15 seed to advance to the Tournament’s Sweet Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, these tremendous accomplishments were made by Eagles players Brett Comer, Nate Hicks, Bernard Thompson, Christophe Varidel, Jamail Jones, Eric McKnight, Alexander Blessig, Filip Cvjeticanin, Chase Fieler, Leonard Livingston Jr., Eddie Murray, Marcus Blake, Sherwood Brown, and Dajuan Graf – and Head Coach Andy Enfield; Assistant Coaches Kevin Norris, Marty Richter, and Michael Fly; Director of Operations Joey Cantens; and Video Coordinator Jake Hasselbring;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees wishes to express its enthusiastic congratulations and appreciation to the 2012-2013 FGCU Men’s Basketball Team for its hard work, dedication to each other and the University, and exciting and joyful play – which uniquely inspired and made proud an FGCU community of students, faculty and staff, and the greater community of Fort Myers, Southwest Florida, the state, the nation and the world. And, let it be loudly proclaimed: GO EAGLES!

Duly adopted this 16th day of April in the year 2013.

Signed:

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Robbie B. Roepstorff
Chair, Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees