

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 276

Congratulating the University of Florida Gators for winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Tennis Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2021

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Florida Gators for winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Tennis Championship.

Whereas, on May 22, 2021, the University of Florida Gators Men's Tennis Team (referred to in this preamble as the "Gators") won the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I Men's Tennis Championship;

Whereas the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship is the first NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship the Gators have won;

Whereas the Gators defeated Baylor University's Men's Tennis Team in the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship;

Whereas this marks the 42nd national title for the University of Florida Gators Athletics programs;

Whereas men's tennis is the 15th sport in which the University of Florida has won a national title;

Whereas the University of Florida is 1 of 2 programs in the Nation to win at least 1 national championship in every fully contested season since the 2008–2009 season;

Whereas the championship victory clinching match was won by Ben Shelton, son of Gators Head Coach Bryan Shelton;

Whereas Gators player Blaise Bicknell—

(1) holds a perfect record in dual matches in his career; and

(2) is the fourth player in Gators history to go undefeated in dual matches;

Whereas Gators Head Coach Bryan Shelton—

(1) is the fifth coach across all NCAA sports to coach a men's and women's national championship winning team; and

(2) the first coach in NCAA history to lead a men's program and women's program to a NCAA Division I Tennis Championship; and

Whereas the following entire Gator roster and coaching staff contributed to the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship victory: Associate Head Coach Tanner Stump, Volunteer Assistant Coach Scott Perelman, and student athletes Andy Andrade, Brian Berdusco, Blaise Bicknell, Josh Goodger, Will Grant, Lukas Greif, Johannes Ingildsen, Sam Riffice, Ben Shelton, and Duarte Vale: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) congratulates the University of Florida
2 Gators Men's Tennis Team and the students, alum-
3 ni, faculty, staff, and trustees of the University of
4 Florida, for winning the 2021 National Collegiate
5 Athletic Association Division I Men's Tennis Cham-
6 pionship; and

7 (2) respectfully directs the Secretary of the
8 Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
9 tion to—

10 (A) the President of the University of
11 Florida, Kent Fuchs;

12 (B) the Athletic Director of the University
13 of Florida, Scott Stricklin; and

14 (C) the Head Coach of the University of
15 Florida Gators Men's Tennis Team, Bryan
16 Shelton.

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