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RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
IN SUPPORT OF  
THE EDUCATION EXCELLENCE FOR FLORIDA  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
"LOCAL TRUSTEES AND STATEWIDE GOVERNING BOARD TO MANAGE  
FLORIDA'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM"

WHEREAS the University of Florida and the State University System of Florida are of paramount importance to the educational mission and economic health of Florida, and

WHEREAS the unique features of higher education and large state university systems distinguish them from, and demand a separate governance structure from, the K-12 and community college educational systems, and

WHEREAS it is essential to the development and maintenance of high-quality university systems to have coordinated and accountable operation of the whole university system without wasteful duplication of facilities and programs and without undue political interference and micromanagement, and

WHEREAS the current educational system being developed for the State of Florida lacks these important features, and the proposed amendment would create them,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida endorses the constitutional amendment proposed by Education Excellence for Florida and urges the citizens of Florida to fully support its adoption as an essential component of creating an educational governance structure to enhance the quality and promote the improvement of Florida universities and educational system.

DATED THIS Sixth Day of December 2001.

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