The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.R. 03 006

A Resolution in Remembrance of Dr. John F. Stack, Jr.

IN THE SENATE

September 19, 2022

SIPA Senators Alexander Sutton, Kaily LaChapelle, and Manuel Soltero; alongside Housing Senator Mia Rodriguez, Appropriations Chair Iara Raggio, Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl, Law Senator Cole Sebastian, Medical Senator Shebin George, and Secretary of Health and Well-Being Monica Mata, introduced the following resolution, which was presented on the Senate floor

A RESOLUTION

To honor the life and legacy of Dr. John F. Stack, Jr., Founding Dean of FIU's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University assembled,

Alexander Sutton

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Kaily LaChapelle

Manuel Soltero



Whereas, John F. Stack, Jr. was a professor of politics, international relations, and law at FIU, and served as Founding Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs since its inception in 2008 until his passing on June 23, 2022;

Whereas, Dean Stack was a friend and mentor to countless students throughout his almost five decades of service to our university, leaving a legacy of groundbreaking work that shaped the university FIU is today;

Whereas, his sharp intellect was only overshadowed by his boundless kindness and generosity, as he continued to mentor students long after graduation, touching thousands of students' lives;

Whereas, Dean Stack was a brilliant scholar, authoring or co-authoring over a dozen books, and producing early research that was foundational to ethnic studies in the U.S.;

Whereas, Dean Stack arrived at FIU in 1976 as an instructor in the Department of Political Science, and soon became a professor and Chair of the Department, later serving as Founding Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy;

Whereas, Dean Stack was instrumental in founding FIU's College of Law, and served as chair of the College of Law initiative, then going on to serve as a professor of law for the past two decades;

Whereas, as Dean of the Green School, he oversaw eight academic departments, and 20 centers, institutes, and programs; and under his direction, the Green School grew exponentially, enrolling more than 5,000 students, employing nearly 360 faculty, and growing to offer 38 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, as well as more than 50 certificate programs;

Whereas, last year, under Dean Stack's leadership, the Green School was admitted membership to the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), making FIU the first university in Florida to achieve the designation, and one of only 40 globally;

Whereas, Dean Stack served as the faculty advisor to Model UN, and has been the biggest champion of FIU's Model UN Program throughout its 34-year history; and under Dean Stack's leadership, FIU's Model UN Program has been the top public university team in the United States for over a decade, and for several years, it has been in the top five among all universities, culminating in the program's ranking as #1 in North America in 2019;

Whereas, Dean Stack spearheaded the lobbying and fundraising efforts for the recently constructed Phase Two of the Green School facility, commonly known as SIPA II, with the building expected to open in the Spring of 2023;



Whereas, when the Florida Legislature did not provide all of the money needed for the SIPA II building, leading to a \$2.5 million deficit for the construction project, Dean Stack fundraised until the rest of the money was raised;

Whereas, the SIPA II building would not exist without the efforts and leadership of Dean Stack;

Whereas, bearing in mind the previous considerations, Dean Stack's contributions to Florida International University are immeasurable, legendary, and foundational; and his impact on the lives of thousands of students has changed each of their lives profoundly, meriting the honor of being forever remembered in a concrete way;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Student Body, that Dr. John F. Stack, Jr. ought to be remembered forever by all FIU students, and he ought to be commemorated through a permanent plaque, painting, or other monument, to be placed in a prominent location in the SIPA or SIPA II building.



Senate Resolution Transmission Form

This resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University. It is presented by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate President and the Senate President Pro-Tempore affirm that the information presented below is accurate and that the resolution has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The resolution is presented on this day and at this hour for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced:	06/29/2022		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Rules and Administration(2) Student Life and Academic Concerns		
Vote in Committee 1: 07/14/2022	3 For	0 Against	0 Abstaining
Vote in Committee 2: 06/29/2022	4 <i>For</i>	0 Against	0 Abstaining
Vote on the Senate Floor: 09/19/2022	24 <i>For</i>	0 Against	1 Abstaining
Signature of the Senate President Sign			Stongl e President Pro-Tempore



Presidential Signature of a Senate Resolution

On this day, at this time, and in this place, the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University does hereby present this resolution to the desk of the President of the Student Body for signature or veto. The Senate has passed this resolution and all its accompaniments, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association at Florida International University. It is presented in good faith, whereas the officers of the Senate have affixed their signatures to affirm that the resolution has followed due procedure and is valid. The Senate will await your decision.

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Fernando Melara, Senate Floor Leader			

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Cristhofer Lugo, Student Body President

Vetoed



