Florida Atlantic University
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"Flags in Every Classroom"

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WHEREAS: On May 25th, 2004, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush approved House Bill No. 1757, commonly referred to by the popular name the Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act, AND:

WHEREAS: While the full text of the Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act is attached to this resolution in Appendix A, part of this law reads as follows:

Each public K-20 educational institution that is provided or authorized by the Constitution and laws of Florida shall display daily in each classroom the flag of the United States. The flag must be made in the United States, must be at least 2 feet by 3 feet, and must be properly displayed in accordance with Title 4 U.S.C. Each educational institution shall acquire the necessary number of flags to implement the provisions of this subsection. The principal, director, or president of each educational institution shall attempt to acquire the flags through donations or fundraising for 1 year prior to securing other funding sources or allocating funds for the purchase of flags. The president of each state university or community college must present to the governing board of the institution the results of donations and fundraising activities relating to the acquisition of flags prior to requesting the governing board to approve a funding source for the purchase of flags. A flag must be displayed in each classroom pursuant to this subsection no later than August 1, 2005.

WHEREAS: Upon inspection of random sections of the Florida Atlantic University campus, it has become apparent that this university is not in full compliance with the Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act, AND:

WHEREAS: Certain classrooms are completely lacking flags while other classrooms appear to have flags displayed that were manufactured in foreign countries, AND:

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WHEREAS: Regardless of any debate on the necessity of the aforementioned legislative act, it remains in effect as a valid Florida law and thus must be carried out by Florida Atlantic University, AND:

WHEREAS: The absence, improper display or incorrect type of flags in each classroom does not automatically connote any wrongdoing on the part of Florida Atlantic University or its governing board, AND:

WHEREAS: The goal of this resolution is neither to criticize nor condemn Florida Atlantic University, but simply to ensure that flags are being properly displayed in all classrooms in compliance with Florida law, AND:

WHEREAS: By ensuring full compliance at Florida Atlantic University, this educational institution would set an example for others to follow while allowing the patriotic spirit of our campus to thrive, NOW:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boca Raton House of Representatives establish a “Flag Act Compliance Committee” charged with taking up this issue and bringing it to the attention of the necessary university officials, AND:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this committee be responsible for swiftly completing the following tasks on the Boca Raton campus:

1. Survey various classrooms to gather precise data on Flag Act non-compliance.
2. Seek out price quotes for the cost of purchasing and installing additional flags.
3. Make an effort to locate organizations or individuals willing to donate to this cause.
4. Initiate a direct line of communication with all necessary university officials.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon completion of these tasks the Flag Act Compliance Committee will report back to the Boca Raton House of Representatives, at which point members will determine whether further action needs to be taken and if so, what that action should be.

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Appendix A

CHAPTER 2004-238
House Bill No. 1757

An act relating to display of flags in educational institutions; providing a popular name; amending s. 1000.06, F.S.; requiring the flag of the United States to be displayed in each classroom in public K-20 educational institutions; providing for procurement of flags; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act shall be known by the popular name the “Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act.”

Section 2. Section 1000.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1000.06 Display of flags.—

(1) Every public K-20 educational institution that is provided or authorized by the Constitution and laws of Florida shall display daily the flag of the United States and the official flag of Florida when the weather permits upon one building or on a suitable flagstaff upon the grounds of each public postsecondary educational institution and upon every district school board building or grounds except when the institution or school is closed for vacation, provided that, if two or more buildings are located on the same or on adjacent sites, one flag may be displayed for the entire group of buildings.

(2) Each public K-20 educational institution that is provided or authorized by the Constitution and laws of Florida shall display daily in each classroom the flag of the United States. The flag must be made in the United States, must be at least 2 feet by 3 feet, and must be properly displayed in accordance with Title 4 U.S.C. Each educational institution shall acquire the necessary number of flags to implement the provisions of this subsection. The principal, director, or president of each educational institution shall attempt to acquire the flags through donations or fundraising for 1 year prior to securing other funding sources or allocating funds for the purchase of flags. The president of each state university or community college must present to the governing board of the institution the results of donations and fundraising activities relating to the acquisition of flags prior to requesting the governing board to approve a funding source for the purchase of flags. A flag must be displayed in each classroom pursuant to this subsection no later than August 1, 2005.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2004.

Filed in Office Secretary of State May 25, 2004.

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Legislation Signature Sheet

This Bill / Resolution #8EH-10-03 PASSED / FAILED on this 5th day of November 2010 by a vote of 25 YES, 3 NO, 0 ABSTAIN moved by Marie Dumas and seconded by Rebecca Capato.

Signature – House Speaker: 

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 10th day of November 2010. Signature – Campus Governor: 

Allison Gentry

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 16th day of November 2010. Signature – Student Body President: 

Aricia Mahler

For All Legislation, Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006:

This Bill / Resolution is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 29 day of November 2010. Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs 

Dr. Charles Brown

This Bill / Resolution is Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this 1 day of December 2010.