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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 56-26**

[Proclamation Commemorating the Exemplary Life and Achievements of Harris Rosen]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen sadly passed away on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen was an incredible philanthropist and investor into the UCF and greater Orlando community;

**WHEREAS**, Rosen's philanthropy included investing millions of dollars to send underprivileged children to preschool and college;

**WHEREAS**, Rosen was a champion of educational accessibility with him famously saying "there is as much intellectual talent in underserved communities as there is in gated communities";

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen is the founder of the Rosen Foundation;

**WHEREAS**, The Rosen Foundation has funded community centers and aquatic centers in underprivileged communities;

**WHEREAS**, The Rosen Foundation has provided millions of dollars to Haiti for disaster relief;

**WHEREAS**, The Rosen Foundation's Haiti Task Force has donated over 250 water filtration systems to Haiti;

**WHEREAS**, The Haiti Task Force has worked on building disaster resistant housing in Haiti since Hurricane Mathew in 2016;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen was also committed to disaster relief in Florida;

**WHEREAS**, Rosen Resorts offered vastly discounted rates to families fleeing hurricanes;

**WHEREAS**, Thousands of Floridian families have used Rosen Resorts as shelters from hurricanes;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen was a vital figure in building Orlando's crucial hospitality industry;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen was the director of Hotel Planning for Walt Disney World Resorts;

**WHEREAS**, Rosen oversaw the development of Disney's Contemporary Resort, The Polynesian Village, and Wilderness Lodge;

**WHEREAS**, In 1974, Harris Rosen bought and developed his first hotel, a Quality Inn;

**WHEREAS**, At the end of his career, Harris Rosen built 7 hotels along International Drive;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen is also the owner of the 4-diamond rated Rosen Shingle Creek Resort;

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen has invested millions into the development of the University of Central Florida;

**WHEREAS**, Rosen donated 20 acres of land and 10 million dollars to develop the Rosen College of Hospitality and Management

**WHEREAS**, The Rosen College has been ranked the best hospitality school in the country for 5 straight years;

**WHEREAS**, Over 2,500 students are currently enrolled in the Rosen College of Hospitality and Management;

**WHEREAS**, The Rosen Foundation has given millions of dollars in scholarships to UCF hospitality students; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris Rosen's contributions to UCF and the greater Orlando community deserve to be commended and celebrated.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Harris Rosen be recognized for his incredible contributions and his life be celebrated and enshrined in UCF history; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Provost Michael Johnson, Vice President for Student Success and Well-Being Adrienne Frame, Vice President for Access and Community Engagement Andrea Guzman, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement, Dean Cynthia Meija, Associate Dean Alan Fyall, Assistant Dean Manuel Rivera, Chair of Department of Hospitality Services Nan Hua, Chair of Department of Tourism, Events and Attractions Jeeyon Jeannie Hahm, Chair of Department of Food service and lodging Amy Gregory, Director of Budget and Finance Sherri Diction, Director of Information Technology Fred Okumu, Director of Student Services Lori Safford, Director of Food and Beverage Operations Cesar Rivera Cruzado, Director of Internships Program Jessica Wickey, Rosen Life, Pineapple Theater, Club Management Association of America, Happiest Club on Earth, Happiest Club on Earth at Orlando, Knights Special Events Society, Rosen College Graduate Student Association, Rosen Film Club, Rosen Intercultural Community, Wedding Event and Design Students, Future Theme Park Leaders Association, Themed Entertainment Association, WISE Women in Hospitality, National Society of Minorities in Hospitality, Future Leaders in the Lodging Industry, Pegasus Music Group, and the Wine Club.



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Date

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