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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-48**

[Proclamation in Memory of Diego Benalcazar Ruiz]

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, Diego Benalcazar Ruiz is remembered by friends, family, and fellow students as an exemplary person and member of the UCF community;
WHEREAS, Diego got his bachelor's degree in La Universidad de San Francisco de Quito in 2016, majoring in Electrical and Electronics Engineering;
WHEREAS, There, he was a member of the Industrial Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE);
WHEREAS, Diego began his master's degree at UCF in 2019, and was accepted into his PhD program in Electrical Engineering;
WHEREAS, He was awarded the ORCGS Doctoral Fellowship, which provides multi-year support to highly qualified doctoral students;
WHEREAS, Some projects Diego worked on during his time at UCF include Comparison of Unconstrained Optimization Algorithms using Rosenbrock functions, Object Retrieval using NAO Robot, Deep Reinforcement Learning for the Control of Spreading Processes, Distributed Consensus Kalman Filter under Constrained Communication, and Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning under Constrained Communication;
WHEREAS, In 2023, Diego completed an internship in Sweden, as a "Visiting Researcher" at Stockholm University;
WHEREAS, At UCF, he served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and Graduate Research Assistant;
WHEREAS, Diego is the first author of 4 published UCF research papers;
WHEREAS, UCF has lost a loved and cherished member of the community with the passing of Diego Benalcazar Ruiz; and
WHEREAS, The UCF community shall remember Diego Benalcazar Ruiz with honor and respect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida acknowledges and remembers the life of Diego Benalcazar Ruiz; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to the loved ones of Diego Benalcazar Ruiz at the Eternal Knights ceremony.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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