WHEREAS: Graduate assistants represent the single largest working group at Florida State University, and provide the majority of instruction and contribute to nearly all of the research which make this a preeminent institution, and

WHEREAS: Most graduate assistants are financially independent of their parents, and

WHEREAS: Stipends for these highly motivated and dedicated employees are far below national averages, and in some cases are as low as $5000 for nine months, and

WHEREAS: Every graduate assistant is a graduate student, and

WHEREAS: Every graduate student must pay between $700 and $900 per semester in fees, and

WHEREAS: These fees constitute a large portion of their hard earned pay, and

WHEREAS: Some of the Top Twenty Five public universities waive these fees for graduate employees, and

WHEREAS: The Florida State University is working toward becoming a Top 25 institution, and

WHEREAS: The Florida State University becoming a Top Twenty Five institution would have many social and economic benefits for the State of Florida, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE THAT: We support HB 925 and SB 1420 and urge their passage in the Florida Legislature and advise the Governor to sign them into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Copies of this resolution is sent to: Harrison Dubosar, Director of Office of Governmental Affairs; Jean Tabares, Student Body President-Elect; Gary Tyson, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees; Stefano Cavallaro, Student Body President; Nancy Marcus, Dean of the Graduate School; Allen Bense, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees; John E. Thrasher, President of Florida State University; Michelle Rehwinkel-Vasilinda, Ranking Member of Higher Education & Workforce.

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House Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Don Gaetz, Chair of the Senate
 Appropriations Committee on Education; Steve Crisafulli, Speaker of the Florida House
 of Representatives; Andy Gardiner, President of the Florida Senate; and
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