



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 3

Primary Sponsor: Murray

Co-Sponsor(s): Diaz, DuChêne, Suarez

Whereas: Britney Jean Spears is one of the most influential and best-selling musical artists of all time. She serves as a cultural icon and a role model for millions of people, leaving a lasting and deep impact on the lives of an entire generation, and

Whereas: In February 2008, Jamie Spears, Britney’s father, and others petitioned to place Britney under a conservatorship, a legal institution in which a guardian or proctor is appointed by a judge to manage the finances and/or daily life of another person given that person’s age, physical, or mental limitations. The petition was filed citing Britney’s rebellious actions and mental state following years of living under the microscope of fame and intense scrutiny and pressure from the media, the music industry, her management, her family, and the public. Jamie’s petition included uncorroborated claims that Britney suffered from dementia, and

Whereas: Britney has labeled the conservatorship, and her father’s part in it, as “abusive”, citing the levels of control over her finances, career, life, and body. Britney claimed that she was under 24-hour surveillance, was forced to work and go on tour, and was prohibited from making financial decisions, choosing her own legal representation, getting married, and conceiving children, and

Whereas: The human rights abuses Britney suffered under the conservatorship at the hands of her father and a broken legal institution are far too numerous and intense to accurately represent in a student government resolution, and

Whereas: On 12 November 2021, Britney Spears’s conservatorship was terminated after 13 years, and

Whereas: Britney is free, and

Whereas: Conservatorships, while at times a valid, understandable, and beneficial legal institution, have been used as a means to establish control over someone’s life and finances, and violate their autonomy and basic human rights.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The 74th Student Senate recognizes and admires the bravery and resilience of Britney Spears and celebrates the termination of her conservatorship on 12 November 2021. We encourage all to research the institution of conservatorships and support those who have suffered the effects of abuses of the system. We also rededicate ourselves to stand in support of the furthering of mental health research, advocacy, and resources on Florida State University’s campus and beyond.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution is sent to:
Abril Hunter, 74th Student Senate President
Sarah Nemeth, 74th Student Senate President Pro Tempore
Nastassia “Tazzy” Janvier, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Mental Health Council President
Britney Spears, Legend, Icon, and Princess of Pop

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Abril Hunter

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Student Senate President

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**Senate Vote: 20-3-4
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