



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 39

Primary Sponsor: Diaz, DuChêne

Co-Sponsor(s): Anderson, Barrett, Boisvert, Brewer, Carter, Crocker, Dale, Fineout, Folwell, Gummerman, Mantilla, McMahon, Patel, Pedraja, Kariher, St. Hilaire, White, Widmann, Wyatt

Whereas: Student Body Statute 413.8 states, “Membership in the Senate Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student Senator can achieve. This honor shall be bestowed upon any Senator who has performed their duty as a member of the Senate with the highest standard of excellence, beyond that normally expected of a Senator at the Florida State University,” and

Whereas: Abril Hunter served as a Senator representing the College of Arts & Sciences from the time of her appointment on October 7th, 2020, until November 9th, 2022, where she valiantly represented her constituents in the college, as well as faithfully served as Chair of the Senate’s Racial Justice and Inclusivity Ad-Hoc, where she initiated conversations on diversity and fought for legislation pertaining to racial equity and inclusion, and

Whereas: A testament to her work ethic as a new Senator, Senator Hunter earned the New Senator of the Year Award for exhibiting FSU’s value of “Vires” in the Spring of 2021, and

Whereas: Senator Hunter would go on to serve as President Pro-Tempore for the summer term of the 73rd Student Senate, and was elected as the President of the 74th Student Senate in the fall of 2021, where she tirelessly worked to uplift the public image of the Student Senate, deepen the connection of this institution with the Student Body, and act as a mentor and inspiration to several Student Senators and members of the Student Government Association, and

Whereas: President Hunter authored several important pieces of legislation during her tenure, including a bill which prohibited the purchase of single-use plastics with A&S fees (73rd Senate, Bill 22); approving the 2022 OGA Legislative Agenda (73rd, Res. 83); expressing the Senate’s disappointment with FSU Transportation’s adoption of the “Pay to Park” system (73rd, Res. 75); advocating for equal access to Telehealth mental health and counseling services for out-of-state students as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (73rd, Res. 25); Senate Projects transfers to fund the Senior Class Council’s Spring 2022 Golden Week Spirit Rally and University Libraries Popular Literature book collections (74th, Bills 8 and 91); in addition to her co-sponsorship of several other important pieces of legislation, and

Whereas: President Hunter represented Florida State University with the utmost strength, skill, and character on the national stage as a 2022 Truman Scholar, Udall Scholar, and NOAA Hollings Scholar, and

Whereas: Senate President Samuel Diaz testifies: “President Hunter had been an incredible source of guidance and inspiration to me from the day I took my Oath of Office. Her advocacy for the various groups that she fought for and represented was second-to-none in the time I got to watch her thrive in these Chambers. Throughout her time, she faced lots of challenges, adversity, and circumstances that would test her resilience. In true fashion, she beat the odds and continued being a symbol that each student at this university can look up to. The Senate as

an institution is forever a better place because of the grace, problem-solving ability, and strength of character that Abril Hunter brought to the job of being our Senate President, and it is a privilege to stand on her shoulders and place her name in nomination for this award,” and

Whereas: Senate President Pro-Tempore Patrick DuChêne testifies: “Abril the artist, Abril the scholar, and Abril the human being all constitute people I aspire to be. There are few others I can say with clear confidence absolutely deserve to be installed into the Senate Hall of Fame. Abril Hunter, no doubt, deserves this to be added to her collection of many high honours. She led this chamber with professionalism and care, meeting every interaction with grace and tact, and balancing her many involvements with awe-inspiring skill. I'm endlessly thankful to have shared a small slice of Abril's journey. In her I have found a kind friend and open heart. Few others made me feel as welcomed and loved as she. I smile knowing that as she continues to grow and flourish, so many others will get to experience this same Abril. I hope this resolution serves to tell you, President Hunter, that your work and your whole self are cherished and needed. Thank you, Abril, for your friendship and service to our Student Body,” and

Whereas: Student Body Vice President Kenley Adams testifies: “Abril Hunter has left a lasting legacy of empowerment within the Student Senate. She led by example, embodying grace and compassion with such magnitude that it inspired those around her to hold themselves to the same standards. The power of her presence drew her to naturally rise as a leader in the Senate, where her vision sparked an atmosphere of collaboration, learning, and civility in a space that is easily prone to hostility. I am proud to have worked alongside Abril's impactful leadership, and even prouder to call her a friend,” and

Whereas: Student Body Deputy Chief of Staff Daylyn Randolph testifies: “Abril Hunter simply bleeds garnet and gold. With her leadership and unrivaled tenacity, she brought light to a space on campus that students historically viewed as a dark and desolate place. I have watched Former Senate President Hunter pour her heart and soul into her position to make this campus a better place for all students. I could not think of a more deserving individual to be honored for their contributions,” and

Whereas: Senator Josephine St. Hilaire testifies: “Abril created a space where I believed I could thrive. She cultivated an environment where it was okay to ask questions and not fear asking for help. She treated us all as valuable members of the student senate regardless of the amount of time you have spent within the chambers. Abril remains an inspiration for us all both inside and outside of the chambers. As a voice and role model for our community, Abril continues to raise the standard for us all. Abril, if the world had more people like you, the world would be a better place. Thank you for being you, I appreciate you endlessly,” and

Whereas: Senator Hannah Carter testifies: “President Hunter is a vibrant, compassionate leader who maintains a fierce commitment to the betterment of Florida State University in each of her pursuits. Witnessing her powerful advocacy amidst opposition inspired me to seek greater heights within the Chambers and beyond. She is an exemplar of selfless servitude whose impact on this Chamber and institution will never be forgotten,” and

Whereas: Senator Autumn Anderson testifies: “Abril Hunter is a fantastic role model and hard worker like no other. Her dedication to the student body is something that does not go unnoticed by any person who has met her. Abril Hunter is always offering a hand to those who need it and has been a personal example to me of what it means to be a fearless and self-sacrificing leader. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work beside her and call her a friend as well,” and

Whereas: Senator Britt Gummerman testifies: “President Hunter has served as a true role model for all members of the Florida State community. She has managed to reach every corner of campus in her four short years at this university, and has left an impact everywhere she touches. President Hunter made the 74th Student Senate at Florida State University a welcoming and positive place where senators were able to learn and grow within their roles. Additionally, Abril represented the Student Government Association and the 74th Student Senate on the 2022 Homecoming Court, where she went on to win the title of 2022 Homecoming Princess. President Hunter has truly embodied the values of this university and has made Florida State University a better place through her extensive contributions to this campus and community,” and

Whereas: Senator Jack Folwell testifies: “Abril Hunter exemplifies the very essence of a remarkable senator. Her unparalleled blend of magnanimity and passion allows her to comprehend the perspectives of others while maintaining her own stance with unwavering conviction. It is common to meet individuals of intelligence and poise, but none compare to Abril. Her steadfast commitment to bettering the Student Body is both laudable and apparent in all of her actions as Senate President. It is my personal aspiration to emulate her and attain even a fraction of her proficiency. The Student Body shall be forever changed due to Abril's stance as a liaison between students, administration, and the Student Government Organization. It has been an honor to meet her and observe her thrive in all facets of her life, and an even greater honor to support her nomination for Senate Hall of Fame,” and

Whereas: Former Senator Cassidy Rider testifies: “Abril Hunter is the change she wants to see in the world. She leads with such kindness and integrity because she knows the change, she wants to create will help the world become a better place. Abril took a chance on me and helped me learn who I was as a leader. Being a Senator while Abril was President was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my college career. Abril created a safe and inclusive environment for all of us Senators to get work done for the student body. Even on Abril's busiest day she always acted with such selflessness helping all Senators. Looking up to Abril and the extraordinary change she made as Senate President was an honor. No one is more deserving of this award than Abril Hunter. Her leadership has changed my life for the better and I can't wait to see what she does next,” and

Whereas: Dr. Craig Filar testifies: “Abril Hunter builds consensus, advocates for her positions and her peers, and creates inclusive and collaborative environments and programs, as she interacts effectively with students, with administrators, with faculty, even with policymakers and politicians. She works tirelessly on behalf of the communities that she serves, without seeking personal praise or recognition. Yet, her work has been recognized, receiving three prestigious national scholarships: a Truman Scholarship, a Udall Scholarship, and a NOAA Hollings scholarship, demonstrating the reach of the impact Abril has had during her time at FSU. I am so proud of her and her accomplishments and am thankful to have had the last four years working alongside her on her journey,” and

Whereas: Former Senator Gabriel Pfeuffer-Ferguson testifies: “Most of the people in this chamber and on campus know Abril in many different ways. They see her as the intelligent Truman and Udall Scholar who served as the Chair of FSU's Presidential Scholars Program. People think of the Homecoming Queen who bleeds Garnet and Gold while unconditionally loving Florida State. Some people think of the student leader version of Abril where she served her communities as an Executive Board member of both the Alliance for Black Women and the Renegade Leadership Honor Society. Most know Abril as the best Senate President to ever bless the chambers, where she led with compassion and diligence while maintaining high

standards for herself and her senators. I get the blessing of knowing Abril as just herself. The woman who brightens any room she walks into, shows empathy and kindness to anyone she meets, and makes sure to go out of her way to leave a lasting impression on everyone she comes across. There is nobody more deserving of joining the Senate Hall of Fame. Abril served on multiple committees within the Senate Chambers, ran an Ad Hoc focused on promoting DEI, stepped up as Summer Senate President Pro-Tempore, wrote legislation promoting better environmental practices on our campus, and completely bodied the role of Senate President. This campus is going to have a huge hole to fill once Abril leaves, and that speaks volumes on her character and work. Abril, I personally want to thank you for dragging me into SGA. You made the 6 hour nights worth it. Our trips to Taco Bell after Senate and the drives to the Thomasville Road What-A-Burger are core memories for me. Our FaceTimes while on Zoom where I would ask you what was going on and if the people on the call were genuinely ok were some of my favorite talks with you. Your new outfits every week that proved to be hotter than the previous one slayed the house boots down. You epitomized work hard and play hard by bringing fun into the Senate Chambers. You truly are and will forever be known as the most impactful Senate President Florida State University will ever have. I love you through time and space, and then back,” and

Whereas: Former Senate Press Secretary Ashley Allen testifies: “I had the honor of working alongside Abril Hunter within the 74th Student Senate, and there is no doubt in my mind that she is the definition of a strong and true leader. She was dedicated to standing up for FSU’s students, and she demonstrated kindness and compassion in every circumstance. I am so proud of the person she has become, and I cannot wait to see what amazing things she will accomplish in her life,” and

Whereas: Victoria Paul testifies: “President Abril Hunter has left a mark on the hearts and minds of all who have had the pleasure of working with her. Her compassionate and innovative spirit has led to transformative change on campus and beyond. President Hunter’s exceptional leadership skills and unwavering commitment to excellence have set a new standard for what it means to be a leader and will continue to motivate others for years to come. Honored to call her my friend and sister, it is with great pleasure that I express my gratitude and appreciation for President Hunter’s incredible leadership, impact, and friendship,” and

Whereas: Lindsey Wood testifies: “Since knowing Abril, I have continued to be astounded by her heart, character, and determination. It is clear to everyone around her that Abril is intelligent and hard-working, but Abril’s work and accomplishments at our university can only begin to illustrate all that she embodies. Abril is the epitome of leading by example, always inspiring those around her to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. An intentional friend, a passionate advocate, and an absolute shining light, to know Abril Noel Hunter is to love her, and I am extraordinarily lucky to call her a best friend,” and

Whereas: Student Leader and Athlete Alexandria Hilton testifies: “Abril Hunter leads with poise and preparedness. She demonstrates respect and love for everyone with whom she works and to say she is bound for success would be stating the painfully obvious. She is a very special human,” and

Whereas: Savannah Hill testifies: “Abril Hunter is a force to be reckoned with. She is a fierce advocate for her communities and operates with candor and care. There is no doubt she has made her mark on this university as a whole, but also on every individual who has had the privilege of interacting with her. She is my closest confidant and the greatest friend one could

have. There is no one more deserving of this honor. Abril serves her spheres of influence with her whole heart and shines a glimmer of light on all who pass her,” and

Whereas: Mallory Mallman testifies: “Abril Hunter is an amazing leader and my best friend. She is incredibly hard-working, dedicated, and kind. Abril truly cares about helping people and changing the world for the better. She goes above and beyond in every aspect of her life. Her work in Student Government has been invaluable to this campus. It has been such a joy over these past four years to watch her grow. I have no doubt that she will accomplish anything she sets her mind to,” and

Whereas: Lana Alexis testifies: “I have known Senator Hunter for less than a year. However, it has been more than a pleasure to get to know her. She has tremendous accomplishments that most people can only dream of having. Being around her has made me work harder in every aspect of my life, whether school, work, or our sorority. Senator Hunter, without a doubt, wants the best for everyone; she is not only a fantastic member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, but a reliable and loyal friend. I consider Senator Hunter to be a sister to me. I cannot wait to see what she does in the future. I do not doubt that whatever she accomplishes will be monumental. I am saddened to see her go after knowing her so briefly. However, our sisterhood is a lifetime. I am pleased to call Senator Hunter my friend and sister. I would like to wish Senator Hunter the best of luck,” and

Whereas: Alexander Chang testifies: “I’ve known Abril since our first days at FSU and seeing how far she has come as a woman, student, friend, scholar, and leader has been the privilege of a lifetime. Abril has contributed so much to almost every area of our campus and does it all with a kind, generous heart. It is specifically in her role as Senate President that I have seen her make a profound impact. Within your chambers you fostered a culture of respect and love for one another and not only recognized each senator’s hard work, but also celebrated each other’s character and personalities. Your devotion to your leadership has built a legacy on the Senate floors will be felt long after you have graduated. I cannot think of anymore more deserving of tis accolade than you so congratulations President Hunter. You deserve the world,” therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: Former Senator Abril Hunter is nominated to the Student Senate Hall of Fame, and is applauded for her honorable service to Florida State University and to the Student Senate thereof, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Abril Hunter, President of the 74th Student Senate at Florida State University

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Student Senate President

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PASSED: April 5th, 2023**