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SENATE RESOLUTION: S12-01R

TITLE:

TYPE: Resolution

WHEREAS the University of Idaho ("University") was established to serve the entire state under the provisions of the Morrill Act of 1862;

WHEREAS the University was chartered in 1889 by the Idaho Territorial Legislature and was recognized in the state Constitution adopted when Idaho was admitted to the Union in 1890;

WHEREAS the University opened its doors on October 3, 1892, and graduated its first class in 1896;

WHEREAS in the succeeding 115 years, the University has awarded more than 100,000 degrees;

WHEREAS the University annually attracts more than \$100 million each year in grants and contracts to fund innovative research;

WHEREAS the University enrolls a record number of National Merit Scholars, first among public institutions of higher education in the Northwest;

WHEREAS the University is considered by its peers to be Idaho's flagship institution, by virtue of its primacy, its statewide mission and the scope of its graduate and professional programs, consistent with commonly accepted criteria for such universities;

WHEREAS the University, with its graduate and professional programs, brings students from across the country and the world to contribute to Idaho's culture, economy, and research excellence;

WHEREAS the University is proudly represented by researchers at academic conferences nationally and internationally;

WHEREAS its status as a flagship institution enhances the University's ability to attract top students, staff and faculty from across the country and around the world;

WHEREAS the people of Idaho recognize this status, just as they acknowledge the unique roles and missions of the other state-supported institutions of higher education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the GPSA Senate expresses its profound disappointment at the February 16, 2012, decision of the University's Board of Regents and State Board of Education to remove the word "flagship" from the University of Idaho's Mission Statement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPSA Senate calls upon the Regents to reconsider this decision at their April 2012 meeting in Moscow.

Copies of this bill shall be forwarded to: President M. Duane Nellis, Dr. Jie Chen, Dr. Jerry McMurtry, ASUI Senate, UI Faculty Senate, and the Office of Governor Butch Otter

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Today's date: 3-6-12

Senate Vote In favor: 27 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 2 N/A (voice vote):

Pass: X Fail:

GPSA President:  Veto:

Veto Override In favor: Opposed: Abstentions:

Pass: Fail:

Senate Speaker: 

Vice-President: 

Finance Director: 