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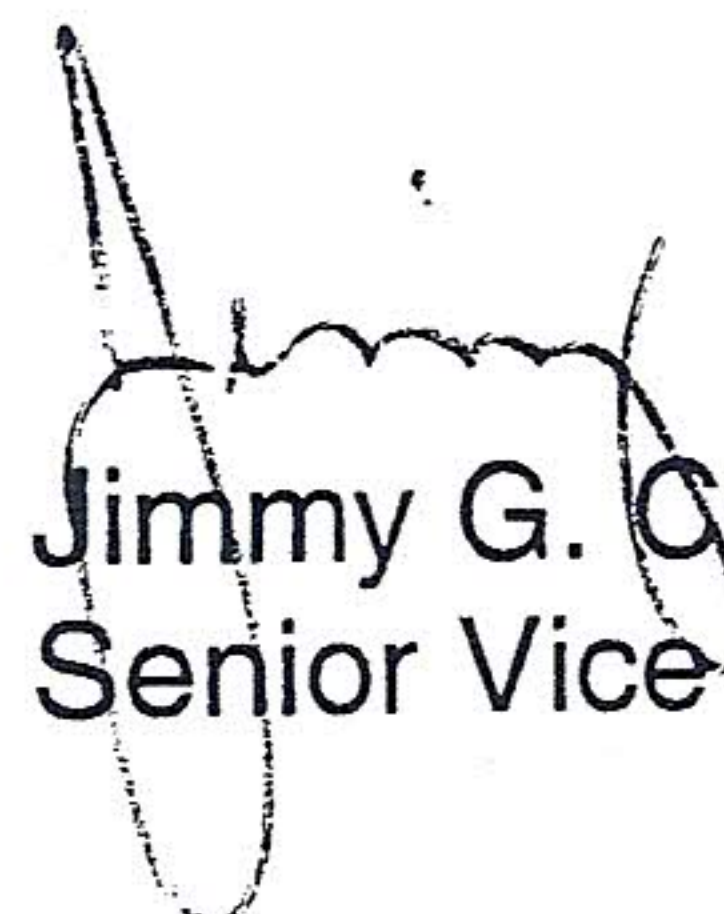
Dear Carolyn:

On March 22, 2005, the UF Board of Trustees (UF/BOT) approved as a consent agenda item the request of the St. Lucie County Commission to establish the Treasure Coast Research, Education and Development Authority (TCREDA) under the provision of Chapter 159 (F.S). The University of Florida was selected as the cooperating state university. The attached documents represent the materials that supported the UF/BOT agenda item and the information provided to the UF/BOT by St. Lucie County Commission.

Under Chapter 159 (F.S.) the Florida Board of Governors must certify the creation of the authority. By copy of this letter, we are requesting such certification by the Board of Governors. Dr. Joe Joyce (352-392-1971) is President Machen's representative to the authority and our point of contact, if there are any issues or concerns relative to this request. Dr. Joyce is also available if the Board of Governors desires a presentation at its June meeting.

Your cooperation relative to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jimmy G. Cheek
Senior Vice President

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Attachments
cc: J. Bernard Machen
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