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## Representative Campbell Issues Statement on Affirmative Action Supreme Court Decision

**FORT LAUDERDALE**, **Fla.** – Earlier today, in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*, the US Supreme Court held that affirmative action in college admissions violated the Equal Protections clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment. This effectively bans race from being a factor in college admissions, ending affirmative action in universities across the country.

Representative Campbell released the following statement:

"I am disappointed, but not surprised, by the recent Supreme Court decision striking down affirmative action. Attacks against diversity are not new in our country nor in Florida as we come off the heels of a legislative session where DEI was outright banned in the university school system. The victims of this decision will be aspirational young black and brown students across the country who, before affirmative action, were routinely shut out of higher education. This decision allows discrimination to fester, and dare I say, thrive under the guise of "race-blindness." To students around the country, I urge you, to continue pursuing an education despite this decision. Both in and out of the classroom, celebrate and embrace your diversity, no matter the circumstance."