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President Ray Ferrero
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Dear President Ferrero:

As I have the honor of representing NOVA Southeastern University (NSU) in the U.S. Congress, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of NOVA University and the 5th Anniversary of the merger of NOVA University and the Southeastern University of Health Sciences. In its proud history, NSU has grown to become the largest independent university in the Southeast, and I am confident that in the next 35 years, and beyond, that NSU will build on its solid foundations to achieve an even higher stature in our state and nationally.

When I received NSU's kind invitation to give the Class of 1999's commencement address and to receive an honorary degree, I was truly honored. As I looked forward to NSU's graduation ceremonies, I gave a lot of thought to the qualities that have lead to its reputation of excellence. These qualities were easy to identify: a strong commitment to its students, its faculty, the surrounding communities and, most importantly, a commitment to academic excellence. I am sure that these qualities will lead NSU into the next century and beyond as your students, faculty and the South Florida community face the unknown challenges and promises of the Twenty-first Century.

Thank you again for providing me with the honor to give the commencement address to the last class of this century. On behalf of all the citizens of my Congressional District, I would like to congratulate you President Ferrero, and the entire university on the achievement of your 35th Anniversary. May NSU continue to prosper into the next century under your leadership.

Sincerely,

E. Clay Shaw, Jr.
Member of Congress