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House Resolution

A resolution in support of the University of South Florida Bulls football team in its inaugural season.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a rich tradition of excellence in intercollegiate football competition, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida, Florida State University, and the University of Miami have, over the last decade, been consistently ranked at the top of the college football polls conducted by sports writers and coaches, and

WHEREAS, a team from a school in the State of Florida has contended for the National Collegiate Football Championship in each of the last six years, with the University of Miami Hurricanes winning the Championship at the 1992 Orange Bowl, the Florida State University Seminoles winning the Championship at the 1994 Orange Bowl, and the University of Florida Gators winning the Championship at the 1997 Sugar Bowl, and

WHEREAS, this year the University of South Florida will join Florida A & M University, the University of Central Florida, Bethune-Cookman College, the University of Miami, the University of Florida, and Florida State University in fielding a competitive NCAA Division I intercollegiate football team, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida has sold more than 10,000 season tickets, and the Bulls have yet to play their first down, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida Bulls will be playing their first season of intercollegiate football in

1 1997, which will be the first full season of intercollegiate
2 football in the Tampa Bay area in 20 years, NOW, THEREFORE,
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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida:

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7 That the House of Representatives of the State of
8 Florida sends its best wishes to the University of South
9 Florida Bulls football team for a safe, well-played, and
10 winning season in this first year of competition.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Saturday, September 6,
12 1997, is hereby declared "University of South Florida Football
13 Inaugural Game Day."
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