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Senate Resolution No. ___

A resolution recognizing the University of South Florida football team.

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida football team, in existence for a mere 5 years, ascended to the rank of a competitive Division 1-A team during the 2001 football season, and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Jim Leavitt, the University of South Florida football team is the first to earn the coveted status of Division 1 in such a brief time period, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida football team quickly captured the attention of the sports world by climbing in the ranks from 114 to an astonishing 22, according to the New York Times computer college football survey, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida football team earned an amazing 8-3 record in its first 1-A season, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida Bulls' stunning 35-26 victory over the University of Pittsburgh marks the first significant win in the school's football history, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate enthusiastically joins the University of South Florida students, faculty, staff, and alumni and countless FOOTBULL fans in the Tampa Bay region and beyond in congratulating Coach Jim Leavitt, his energetic staff, and the young Bulls football team for their record-breaking accomplishments during the 2001 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Coach Jim Leavitt as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.