

By Senator Miller

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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution recognizing Phyllis Marshall for  
34 years of dedicated support to students of  
the University of South Florida.

WHEREAS, Phyllis Marshall, born in Milton, West  
Virginia in 1926, was hired by the fledgling University of  
South Florida in 1960, "sight unseen," from a small girls  
school in Virginia and spent the next 34 years of her life  
working with USF students, and

WHEREAS, in 1960, when the first co-eds moved into the  
fourth floor of the University Center, USF's original  
makeshift dorms, Phyllis Marshall was there to welcome them  
and to ease their transition into university life, and

WHEREAS, through her work at the University Center and  
with student government, Phyllis Marshall devoted decades to  
fostering a well-rounded university experience for young men  
and women at USF, organizing intramural sports, social clubs,  
hospitality committees, bridge clubs, bowling leagues, campus  
tours, and dances, and producing the first USF yearbook, and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement and throughout her long  
and courageous battle with cancer, Phyllis Marshall remained a  
reliable resource at the university as a volunteer,  
supporting, guiding, and inspiring today's Generation X Bulls  
with the same enthusiasm she gave to the Baby Boomers, and

WHEREAS, the students returned her affection by  
successfully petitioning the Florida Legislature to rename the  
University Center as the "Phyllis Marshall Center," and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Marshall, who passed away in Tampa on  
February 5, 2005, will be missed by the many thousands of

1 students whose lives she improved over the decades, whom she  
2 called "my clients, my loves," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6 That the Senate pauses in its deliberations to pay its  
7 respects to the memory of a great lady who set an example of  
8 service and support that made success in university studies  
9 and in life possible for thousands of young people in Florida.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
11 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the  
12 Phyllis Marshall Center at the University of South Florida as  
13 a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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