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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 20, 2005, as
"University of South Florida Day."

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida is a multicampus system of higher education with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Lakeland, serving over 42,500 students in 230 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida boasts approximately 190,000 alumni, with 90,000 Proud Bulls calling the Tampa Bay area "home," and

WHEREAS, USF plays a role in improving nearly every aspect of Florida's communities, from its College of Education, which trains more teachers than any other university, to its medical doctors, which serve more than 1,000 patients per day in 345 locations, and

WHEREAS, USF ranks fifth in the nation among the fastest-growing universities in terms of funding from the National Institutes of Health and conducts over \$290 million annually in national-caliber research that tackles Florida's toughest issues, including research in robotics and biodefense, health care, aging, education, the environment, and many other areas, and

WHEREAS, USF is an engine for economic development in Tampa Bay and throughout the State of Florida, especially in bioscience and high-technology, with the USF Center for Entrepreneurship ranked number one in the nation last year for life-sciences entrepreneurship, and

WHEREAS, USF's Research Park and business partnership programs develop new technologies, spawn new business, provide

1 direct assistance to existing companies, and educate a highly
2 skilled workforce, and

3 WHEREAS, USF, the only Division I-A University serving
4 more than 3.5 million people in the region, will join the Big
5 East this Fall, bringing intercollegiate sports to a new level
6 of excitement in Bulls Country, and

7 WHEREAS, USF is poised to move into the top 50 of
8 public research universities within the next 5 years under the
9 leadership of President Judy Genshaft, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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13 That the Florida Senate proudly recognizes Wednesday,
14 April 20, 2005, as "University of South Florida Day" at the
15 Capitol.

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