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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing University of South Florida Day, April 10, 2007, at the Florida Capitol.

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida is one of only three Florida public universities classified by the Carnegie Foundation in the Top Tier of Research Universities in America and has a \$3.2 billion annual economic impact on the Tampa Bay Region, and

WHEREAS, USF is the only Florida institution of higher learning classified by the Carnegie Foundation for Community Engagement in Outreach and Partnerships for its investments of university resources in ways that mutually benefit the university and the community through collaborative interactions and related scholarship, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Technology Research and Scholarship Board ranked USF's proposal first among all applicants to create the Florida Center of Excellence for Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics, awarding USF \$8 million to produce a true community/business partnership that will change how illness and disease are detected and treated, and

WHEREAS, USF has more than 200,000 alumni living in all 50 states of the Union and 80,000 graduates living in the Tampa Bay Area, where USF is at the hub of the community in fields from the arts to social programs, from business to health, and

WHEREAS, USF seeks out and finds opportunities to make the Tampa Bay Area a safe and viable place to live, providing more than \$22 million annually in pro bono health care and

1 offering to the community more than 600,000 volunteer hours by
2 its students, faculty, and staff, and

3 WHEREAS, the USF Bulls are members of the Big East
4 Athletic Conference and the only Division 1-A team serving
5 sports-loving Tampa Bay, enhancing the Bay Area's status as a
6 center of Sports as Economic Development and sponsoring
7 diverse nationally competitive programs that focus on the
8 "student" in "student/athlete," and

9 WHEREAS, a herd of Bulls have overtaken this Capitol
10 and it is Green and Gold as far as the eye can see, NOW,
11 THEREFORE,

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

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15 That the Senate welcomes representatives of the
16 University of South Florida to Tallahassee and recognizes
17 today, April 10, 2007, as "University of South Florida Day" at
18 the Capitol.

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