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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 10, 2007, as "University of South Florida Day" in Tallahassee.

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida has more than 200,000 alumni living in all 50 states and 80,000 graduates living in the Tampa Bay area and serves its community in the areas of health, business, and the arts, particularly through social programs that seek to make the Tampa Bay area a safe and viable place to live, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida has a \$3.2 billion annual economic impact on the Tampa Bay area and has been classified in the top tier of research universities by the Carnegie Foundation, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida invests its resources in ways that mutually benefit the university and the community through collaborative interactions and related scholarships, which has produced more than 600,000 volunteer hours from students, faculty, and staff and more than \$22 million in pro bono health care and distinguished the university as the only Florida institution to have received the Carnegie Foundation classification for Community Engagement in Outreach and Partnerships, and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida submitted a winning proposal to the Florida Technology, Research, and Scholarship Board, which awarded the university \$8 million to create the Florida Center of Excellence for Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics, a true

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29 community/business partnership that will change how illnesses
30 and diseases are detected and treated, and

31 WHEREAS, the USF Bulls are members of the Big East Athletic
32 Conference, are the only Division 1-A team serving the sports-
33 loving Tampa Bay area, and are especially proud of sponsoring
34 diverse and nationally competitive programs that focus on
35 academics and the health, fitness, and emotional development of
36 their scholar athletes while providing affordable family
37 entertainment for the community at large and enhancing the Bay
38 Area's status as a model center of sports as economic
39 development, NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
42 Florida:

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44 That the University of South Florida is recognized for its
45 excellence as an institution of higher learning and for its
46 exemplary service to its students and the wider community and
47 designates April 10, 2007, as "University of South Florida Day"
48 in Tallahassee.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
50 presented to Dr. Judy Genshaft, President of the University of
51 South Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
52 herein.