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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the 2008-2009 University of South
3 Florida Women's Basketball Team.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida's universities offer a world of
6 opportunity to young men and women through intercollegiate
7 sports and, as part of the State University System, student
8 athletes enrolled at the University of South Florida benefit
9 from both a quality academic experience and the chance to
10 compete at the highest levels of college athletic competition,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the University of South Florida Women's Basketball
13 Team competes in the nation's largest conference in college
14 basketball, the Big East Conference, and

15 WHEREAS, USF Women's Head Basketball Coach Jose Fernandez
16 and the 2008-2009 USF team members, Crystal Ayers, Melissa
17 Dalembert, Brittany Denson, Shantia Grace, Porche Grant, Jessica
18 Lawson, Ashley Sanders, Jazmine Sepulveda, Allyson Speed, Janae
19 Stokes, Kelsey Varney, and Jasmine Wynne, completed the most
20 successful season in the program's history, setting a record for
21 most wins in a season, and

22 WHEREAS, the Bulls chalked up the most 2008-2009 wins of
23 any Florida NCAA Division I college basketball program, with the
24 Green-and-Gold ranking in the top five in the nation in scoring
25 throughout the season and averaging a phenomenal 78 points per
26 game, and

27 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jose Fernandez has recorded the most
28 career wins by a head basketball coach in the program's history,

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29 | with the USF women's basketball team going to postseason play in
30 | each of the last six seasons, and

31 | WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 4, 2009, the University of
32 | South Florida captured the Women's National Invitation
33 | Tournament Title, defeating the University of Kansas in a
34 | thrilling contest, stunning the record crowd of 16,113 in the
35 | Jayhawks' own Allen Fieldhouse by a final score of 75-71, and

36 | WHEREAS, Sarasota's own Senior Guard Shantia Grace, a First
37 | Team All-Big East performer during the regular season, was named
38 | the Most Valuable Player of the Women's National Invitation
39 | Tournament, and

40 | WHEREAS, the University of South Florida Women's Basketball
41 | Team and the Bulls' excellent coaching staff stand tall as yet
42 | another reason for "Bull Pride" among the more than 4 million
43 | people in the University of South Florida's ten-county Tampa Bay
44 | service area and citizens throughout the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
47 | Florida:

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49 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the
50 | extraordinary accomplishments of the University of South Florida
51 | Bulls Women's Basketball program, commends the 2008-2009 team
52 | members and coaching staff for their championship run, and
53 | expresses its gratitude for the honor which the team has brought
54 | to the state.

55 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
56 | presented to the University of South Florida, to Head Coach Jose

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57 | Fernandez and each member of his coaching staff, and to each
58 | member of the University of South Florida Bulls Women's
59 | Basketball team as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
60 | herein.