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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating October 20, 2012, as "Lee Roy
3 Selmon Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Lee Roy Selmon joined the University of Oklahoma
6 football team in 1972 and soon proved to be an outstanding
7 defensive end, helping the team win back-to-back national
8 championships in 1974 and 1975, and in recognition of his
9 accomplishments, he received the Lombardi Award and the Outland
10 Trophy in 1975 and was inducted into the College Football Hall
11 of Fame in 1988, and

12 WHEREAS, as an expansion team for the National Football
13 League in 1976, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were granted the first
14 pick of that year's NFL draft and selected Lee Roy Selmon, who
15 was dedicated to the team for his entire nine-year career,
16 during which he achieved 78.5 sacks and 742 tackles, was
17 selected for the Pro Bowl six consecutive times, was named NFC
18 Defensive Lineman of the Year four times, and was named 1979's
19 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, and

20 WHEREAS, his exemplary performance as a professional
21 football player earned Lee Roy Selmon induction into the Pro
22 Football Hall of Fame in 1995, and

23 WHEREAS, after retiring from the NFL in 1986, Lee Roy
24 Selmon made Tampa his home, where he opened a chain of eight Lee
25 Roy Selmon's Restaurants throughout Tampa Bay and the
26 surrounding areas, was recognized with the renaming of the
27 Southern Crosstown Expressway as the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway
28 in his honor, and served as Athletic Director of the University

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29 of South Florida from 2001-2004, where he led the university's
30 football program to become part of Conference USA and,
31 subsequently, the Big East Conference, and

32 WHEREAS, Lee Roy Selmon exemplified a life of servitude
33 through years of dedication to local communities, evidenced by
34 his recognition as One of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men by
35 the United States Jaycees in 1979; Kiwanis Citizen of the Year
36 for District 8, Florida West Coast, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers'
37 Man of the Year in 1980; winner of the All Pro 1982-1983 Service
38 to Mankind Award by the Sertoma Club of Hillsborough, North
39 Carolina, in 1982; and winner of the 2009 Stetson University
40 College of Law Tower Award, and

41 WHEREAS, after suffering a stroke, Lee Roy Selmon was
42 hospitalized and later passed away on September 4, 2011, and

43 WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay community will remember this gentle
44 giant as not only a Hall of Fame football player, but a Hall of
45 Fame man, working tirelessly to bring the football programs of
46 both the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the University of South
47 Florida into national prominence and continually investing in
48 his community through his many acts of service and generosity,
49 NOW, THEREFORE,

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51 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
52 Florida:

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54 That October 20, 2012, is designated as "Lee Roy Selmon
55 Day" in the State of Florida.