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 1   Senate Resolution

 2   A resolution recognizing April 18, 2006, as

 3   "University of South Florida Day."

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 5   WHEREAS, on December 18, 1956, the Fowler Avenue

 6   property in Hillsborough County was approved as the site for

 7   the new university that had been created by the Florida

 8   Legislature in HB 1007, which became law on June 18, 1955, and

 9   WHEREAS, USF opened as the first independent state

10   university conceived, planned, and built in the 20th century,

11   initially admitting 1,997 students, and

12   WHEREAS, USF has blossomed into a multi-campus Research

13   I Metropolitan Institution, with campuses in Hillsborough,

14   Pinellas, Sarasota-Manatee, and Polk Counties, and

15   WHEREAS, USF currently serves more than 43,000

16   students; offers over 7,000 courses leading to 88

17   Baccalaureate degrees, 87 Master's degrees, and 39 Ph.D.

18   degrees; and boasts more than 181,000 alumni, with over 90,000

19   of them living, working, and volunteering in the Tampa Bay

20   Area, and

21   WHEREAS, USF brings the force of a $3.2 billion annual

22   economic impact to the region it serves, and

23   WHEREAS, the USF Bulls are the Tampa Bay Region's

24   Division 1-A Home Team, bringing top-level competition to the

25   area as members of the Big East Conference, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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29   That the Florida Senate congratulates the University of

30   South Florida as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2006

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 1 | and recognizes April 18 as "University of South Florida Day"
 2 | in the State Capitol and throughout the State of Florida.
 3 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
 4 | with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the
 5 | President of the University of South Florida as a token of the
 6 | sentiments of the Florida Senate.
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