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HJR___ COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama was chartered by Legislative Act on May 3, 1963, following the efforts of local leaders, acting as the Mobile County Foundation for Public Higher Education, who saw a great need for a four-year, degree-granting institution along the fast-growing Alabama Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the university's first classes were held on June 8, 1964, on a new suburban campus in West Mobile, with 276 students and Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon as its first President; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama has greatly prospered and expanded in the past 60 years and today has nearly 13,500 students and offers more than 125 academic programs in 10 colleges and schools; and

WHEREAS, the university offerings include programs in medicine, nursing, and allied health with one of only two allopathic medical schools in the state and Alabama's largest nursing college; a burgeoning School of Marine and Environmental Sciences adjacent to the Mobile-Tensas Delta and the Gulf of Mexico; the only comprehensive College of Engineering in the state within 200 miles, and programs in business, computing, education, science, and humanities; and



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29 WHEREAS, the university boasts a 17 to 1 student to
30 faculty ratio, with 75 percent of instruction delivered by
31 full-time faculty, and a growing research portfolio with an
32 emphasis on health care and STEM exploration; and

33 WHEREAS, the university's early adoption of Mobile
34 General Hospital and creation of a medical school grew into
35 what is today USA Health, the region's only academic health
36 care system that includes USA Health University Hospital,
37 USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital, USA Health
38 Mitchell Cancer Institute, and an expanding line of primary
39 and specialty care clinics, in addition to safety net
40 services, including the area's only Level I trauma center,
41 USA Health Fanny Meisler Trauma Center, the Arnold Luterman
42 Regional Burn Center, a comprehensive stroke center, the
43 Level III Hollis J. Wiseman Neonatal Intensive Care Unit,
44 and a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit; and

45 WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Sun Belt
46 Conference, the university competes in 17 Division 1
47 athletic programs, including football, basketball, baseball,
48 softball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, track and field,
49 and cross country running, with its student athletes
50 excelling in competition and in the classroom; and

51 WHEREAS, the university community includes, as one of
52 the regions largest employers, nearly 9,000 employees;
53 93,000 alumni over its lifetime, with most graduates
54 residing in Alabama and along the upper Gulf Coast; and
55 countless other friends and supporters; and

56 WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama is



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57 commemorating 60 years of making a difference in the lives
58 of those it serves through promoting discovery, health, and
59 learning, while looking forward as the leading academic
60 institution and health care provider throughout the region;
61 now therefore,

62 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
63 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we congratulate the
64 University of South Alabama upon this milestone in its
65 history, and we direct that a copy of this resolution be
66 presented to the university to convey our best wishes for
67 future years of service in education, research, and health
68 care as the Flagship of the Gulf Coast.