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H. RES. 1280

Commending the University of South Alabama on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and its years of service to the State of Alabama and the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2024

Mr. CARL (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. STRONG, Mr. PALMER, and Ms. SEWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Commending the University of South Alabama on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and its years of service to the State of Alabama and the United States.

Whereas the University of South Alabama was chartered by a Legislative Act on May 3, 1963, following the efforts of local leaders who saw a great need for a 4-year-degree-granting institution along the fast-growing Alabama Gulf Coast;

Whereas the University of South Alabama's first classes were held on June 8, 1964, on a new campus in West Mobile, with 276 total students;

Whereas, in 1969, the Alabama Legislature passed a resolution establishing a new medical school and, in 1973, the

University of South Alabama began providing medical education at the Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine;

Whereas, in 1970, the University of South Alabama's adoption of Mobile General Hospital and the creation of its new medical school gave rise to what is today University of South Alabama Health (USA Health);

Whereas USA Health in Mobile, Alabama—

(1) is the only academic health system along the upper Gulf Coast;

(2) is home to USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital, which serves the area with the only pediatric emergency center, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit;

(3) is home to USA Health University Hospital, which serves the area with the only Level I trauma center, burn center, and compressive stroke center;

(4) is home to USA Health Providence Hospital, which serves the area with a full-service, 349-bed hospital that provides 24/7 emergency care and a Level III trauma center;

(5) is home to the USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute, which serves the area as the only academic cancer treatment and research facility along the upper Gulf Coast, using continuous research and technological advancements to best treat patients; and

(6) is home to the USA Health Physician Enterprise, the region's largest multispecialty practice, providing patients with primary and specialty care, including many services unique in the community;

Whereas, from its first class of 276 students, the University of South Alabama has grown to host more than 13,500

students annually, participating in over 115 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs through its 10 colleges and schools;

Whereas the University of South Alabama's offerings include—

- (1) programs in medicine, nursing, and allied health with 1 of only 2 allopathic medical schools in the State;
- (2) an established College of Nursing;
- (3) a burgeoning School of Marine and Environmental Sciences adjacent to the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and the Gulf of Mexico;
- (4) a comprehensive College of Engineering; and
- (5) programs in business, computing, education, the sciences, and humanities;

Whereas the University of South Alabama is dedicated to supporting the academic success of student-athletes while striving for on-field success;

Whereas the University of South Alabama, a charter member of the Sun Belt Conference, is composed of 17 Division I men's and women's programs, including football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, cross country, and track and field; and

Whereas the University of South Alabama has distinguished itself by producing alumni who have excelled in various sectors, including research, medicine, business, education, engineering, the sciences, the arts, and athletics, among others: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the University of South Alabama

3 on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and its years

1 of service to the State of Alabama and the United
2 States;

3 (2) recognizes the University of South Alabama
4 for its education, research, and health care service
5 as the flagship of the Gulf Coast; and

6 (3) respectfully requests that the Clerk of the
7 House of Representatives transmit an enrolled copy
8 of this resolution to—

9 (A) the President of the University of
10 South Alabama, the Honorable Jo Bonner;

11 (B) the Executive Vice President and Pro-
12 vost of the University of South Alabama, Dr.
13 Andrea Kent;

14 (C) the Dean of the Frederick P. Whiddon
15 College of Medicine and Vice President for
16 Medical Affairs at the University of South Ala-
17 bama, Dr. John Marymont;

18 (D) the Chief Executive Officer and Senior
19 Associate Vice President for Medical Affairs at
20 USA Health, Mr. Owen Bailey; and

21 (E) the Director of Athletics of the Univer-
22 sity of South Alabama, Dr. Joel Erdmann.

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