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— Fallen Office Vigil

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (Feb. 4, 2011) – A group of USF St. Petersburg students in partnership with USFSP Student Government invited members of the community to participate in a candlelight vigil Thursday, Feb. 3 in honor of the two St. Petersburg Police officers killed Jan. 24. More than 200 people attended the vigil.

Speakers included Student Government President James Scott, Student Government Vice President Jon Ellington,

Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan, Psychology Professor Vikki Gaskin Butler, Assistant Chief Luke Williams of the St. Petersburg Police Department and student organizer Margaret Spears.

“I feel it is important for the students at USFSP to show support for those affected and to honor the lives of St. Petersburg Police Officers Thomas J. Baitinger and Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz,” Spears said.

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