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2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATORS COLOMB AND CLAITOR

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Commends LSU employees, students, and leadership and designates Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the dedicated work and contributions of all the employees and students of LSU; to extend enduring appreciation for the university's outstanding leadership in higher education in the state; and to designate Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, LSU offers the most comprehensive higher education system in Louisiana, with a public mission focused on education, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, LSU's educational mission encompasses two-year programs, progressing through four-year programs and doctoral programs, including law, dental, and medical schools, and veterinarian training; and

WHEREAS, LSU educates approximately forty-five thousand students statewide and has seen record enrollment, diversity, and graduate numbers in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the LSU Health Sciences Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport address the need for nearly four hundred new primary care physicians annually and provide the citizens of Louisiana with the treatment options they need; ninety percent of students enrolled at the LSU Health Sciences Centers are Louisiana natives, and more than half of those students choose to stay in-state for their residencies; and

WHEREAS, LSU conducts fifty-nine percent of all university-based federally funded

research in the state, executes sixty-five percent of the licenses, sixty percent of the invention disclosures and patents granted, and has earned eighty percent of the licensing income in Louisiana; annually, LSU brings in approximately five hundred million dollars in federal research funding to solve the issues many Louisianians face every day; and

WHEREAS, LSU's economic impact on Louisiana is $3.9 billion; LSU is responsible for nearly forty thousand direct and indirect jobs; the LSU AgCenter supports more than two hundred thousand students through the 4-H program; and

WHEREAS, LSU students provide more than seventy thousand hours of volunteer service through programs such as Geaux Big, which contributed nearly ninety thousand dollars to the community in services to residents, schools, churches, and nonprofit organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the dedicated work and contributions of all employees and students of LSU; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the university's outstanding leadership in higher education in the state of Louisiana; and does hereby designate Tuesday, April 18, 2017, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU president, F. King Alexander.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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