

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, BAGLEY, CARMODY, COX, HORTON, JENKINS,  
JIM MORRIS, NORTON, AND SEABAUGH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Bossier Parish Community College, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and Southern University at Shreveport on their fiftieth anniversaries and further recognize their promotion of higher education in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature authorized the creation of Bossier Parish Community College as a pilot program by House Concurrent Resolution No. 52 of the 1966 Regular Session of the Legislature, and in the fall of 1967, Bossier Parish Community College conducted classes for the first time with one hundred one students and only five full-time faculty; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish Community College student population has grown to nearly ten thousand students who are currently enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Bossier Parish Community College is to promote attainment of educational goals within the community and strengthen the regional economy through the innovative delivery of quality courses and programs that provide sound academic education, broad vocational and career training, continued education, and varied community services; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature authorized the creation of Louisiana State University in Shreveport by Act No. 41 of the 1964 Regular Session of the Legislature, and the institution opened in 1967 as a two-year community college but transitioned into a four-year college in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University in Shreveport enrolled over four thousand students in the fall of 2015 and now offers more than twenty undergraduate programs, twelve master's degrees, one doctoral degree, many night and online courses, and more than seventy extracurricular organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature authorized the creation of Southern University at Shreveport by Act No. 42 of the 1964 Regular Session of the Legislature, and the institution began conducting classes in 1967; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of Southern University at Shreveport encourages providing quality education for its students, preparing students for careers in both technical and occupational fields, offering courses and programs that are transferable to other colleges and universities, and being dedicated to excellence in instruction and community service while also promoting cultural diversity and seeking partnerships with business and industry; and

WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport is an integral component of the Southern University System, which has a diverse enrollment of more than twelve thousand students; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Community College, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and Southern University at Shreveport are all accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Community College, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and Southern University at Shreveport have begun working on a partnership for the purpose of creating the option for students to better themselves and to more easily transfer between schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Bossier Parish Community College, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and Southern University at Shreveport on their fiftieth anniversaries and further recognize their promotion of higher education in the great state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the office of the chancellor for Bossier Parish Community College, the office of the chancellor for Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and the office of the chancellor for Southern University at Shreveport.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES