

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR FIELDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes April 6, 2022, as Southern University Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 6, 2022, as Southern University Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Southern University, chartered in April 1880, by the General Assembly
4 of the state of Louisiana, recently celebrated 142 years of providing opportunities for
5 students from all walks of life to achieve a high-quality, global educational experience; and

6 WHEREAS, the Southern University Law Center, which opened for instruction in
7 September 1947, is celebrating its 75th year in operation; and

8 WHEREAS, the Southern University Laboratory School which began operating in
9 September 1922 is celebrating its centennial anniversary as well as celebrating both the 2022
10 Louisiana High School Athletic Association Girls' and Boys' Basketball Division IV State
11 Championships; and

12 WHEREAS, the Southern University and A&M College System is the largest
13 Historically Black College and University (HBCU) system in Louisiana and includes
14 Southern University New Orleans, Southern University Baton Rouge, Southern University
15 Law Center, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and Southern
16 University Shreveport; and

17 WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College has been designated as a
18 Carnegie R2 institution with "high research activity", the second-highest classification for

1 American research universities, and is ranked by the *U.S. News and World Report* magazine
2 as one of the top 20 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Southern University serves a unique and diverse population through the
4 nurturing, creative, and holistic development of its students to prepare future leaders as
5 entrepreneurs, visionaries, collaborators, and lifelong learners ready to meet the needs of and
6 contribute to the success of the global workforce; and

7 WHEREAS, Southern University is a model of excellence in diversity, education,
8 research, workforce solutions, and universal engagement and embraces its land-grant
9 principles to affect change in and around the Southern University Community; and

10 WHEREAS, Southern University has become a trailblazer in the HBCU community
11 through its global network of thousands of successful alumni representing diverse
12 professions, and making significant and positive contributions in both the public and private
13 sector of our society and currently includes twenty-eight members in the Legislature of
14 Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, Southern University is a great asset to the state of Louisiana, the nation,
16 and the world, and is a valuable economic engine in its communities, generating substantial
17 economic returns year after year; and

18 WHEREAS, the Southern University System is dedicated to meaningful public
19 service and community engagement to enhance the academic experience and the common
20 good through meaningful partnerships and projects to improve the quality of life for all while
21 working to make a difference in the civic life of communities where we work and live; and

22 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University is vested with
23 responsibility for the management and supervision of its institutions of higher education,
24 statewide agricultural programs, and other programs which comprise the Southern
25 University System; and

26 WHEREAS, Southern University's mission is aligned with the Board of Regents
27 Master Plan for higher education and Talent Imperative to Educate, Innovate, and
28 Collaborate.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
30 does hereby welcome and officially recognize April 6, 2022, as Southern University Day at

