

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATORS FIELDS AND PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 5, 2022, as University of Louisiana System Day at the Senate.

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana (UL) System, one of the largest university systems in the nation, serves more than 90,000 students across its nine-member institutions; and

WHEREAS, the UL System's work is supported by a strategic framework of commitment to academic excellence; economic development and innovation; and financial stewardship and accountability which will lead to the most educated generation in Louisiana's history; and

WHEREAS, the UL System awards approximately 16,500 degrees annually, providing more than sixty percent of the state's teachers, fifty-five percent of the state's nurses, and more than fifty percent of the state's engineers; and

WHEREAS, more than a third of Louisiana's state senators are graduates of a UL System member institution; and

WHEREAS, the UL System member institutions have a \$10.9 billion annual economic impact on the state of Louisiana, enriching the universities' home communities and the adjoining parishes; and

WHEREAS, the UL System has launched several initiatives designed to improve the lives of Louisianians including Compete LA, an initiative that assists the 653,000 Louisianians with some college credit but no degrees; and

WHEREAS, Compete LA participants receive one-on-one coaching and discounted tuition to help them earn their academic credentials; and

WHEREAS, the UL System also established the Reginald F. Lewis Scholars Program for the purpose of enhancing the educational experience of black males throughout the UL System; and

WHEREAS, the Reginald F. Lewis Scholars are matched with academic, social, and community opportunities to ensure persistence through college and to prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022, the UL System unveiled a multi-year project defining the core competencies every future graduate of a UL System institution will have attained; and

WHEREAS, those competencies will prepare every UL System graduate for life and career success regardless of how technology shapes the future of work; and

WHEREAS, through the many challenges of the past two years, the member institutions of the UL System, each with a distinct mission and history, have remained steadfast in providing excellent educational experiences to their students across the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 5, 2022, as University of Louisiana System Day at the Senate and does hereby commend the University of Louisiana System for the commitment to creating the most educated generation in Louisiana's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Jim Henderson, University of Louisiana System President.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE