

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 19, 2023, as LSU Day at the legislature and commends Louisiana State University for its contributions.

WHEREAS, through its campuses and extension offices, Louisiana State University, or LSU, is the most comprehensive educational system in the state, with a public mission focused on education, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, at LSU, there are more than 58,000 students enrolled across all levels of higher education, pursuing everything from certificates to doctorates; and

WHEREAS, LSU offers a comprehensive education in a broad number of fields, including agriculture, humanities, physical sciences, music, medicine, nursing, allied health, engineering, veterinary medicine, social sciences, education, dentistry, law, business administration, and public administration; and

WHEREAS, LSU holds a research portfolio valued at \$1.3 billion and collaborates with more than 130 universities and 500 industry partners around the world; and

WHEREAS, LSU researchers across Louisiana are working on developing a wide range of innovations to improve the quality of life for people in the state and in the nation as a whole and do so by studying issues such as disease management, advanced medical treatments, obesity, coastal protection, hurricane preparedness, energy, natural resource management, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, of the certified Centers of Excellence in the state, more than half are affiliated with LSU; and

WHEREAS, LSU employs faculty who are excellent, world-renowned teacher-scholars and who are nationally competitive in research and creative activities and outlets; and

WHEREAS, LSU faculty contribute to a world-class knowledge base that is transferable to educational, professional, cultural, and economic enterprises and use their extensive talents and resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, *Forbes* magazine ranks LSU among the top 20 universities that excel in both academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of the citizens of Louisiana, and of the nation as a whole, has contributed to the support of LSU; in turn, LSU has provided quality education, basic and applied research, new and state-of-the-art discoveries in all fields, numerous hours of volunteer service, and valuable public service; and

WHEREAS, LSU is Louisiana's most important economic asset, contributes over \$6.1 billion in total economic sales, provides an estimated 45,700 jobs to communities, and provides over \$2.4 billion in new statewide earnings; and

WHEREAS, measured in terms of economic activity, for every dollar provided by the state, LSU provides a \$13.85 return; and

WHEREAS, as an institution that is focused on improving the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens, LSU remains one of the state's greatest investments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 19, 2023, as LSU Day at the legislature and does hereby commend Louisiana State University for its manifold contributions to the state of Louisiana.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE