

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR FIELDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as University of Louisiana System Day at the Capitol and commends the University of Louisiana System for its sustained contributions to the state.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as "University of Louisiana System Day at the  
3 Capitol" and commends the University of Louisiana System for its sustained  
4 contributions to the state.

5 WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System (UL System) is crucial for both  
6 Louisiana's academic and economic prosperity, thanks to its fundamental mission to  
7 emphasize teaching, research, and community outreach in order to improve the well-being  
8 of Louisiana's residents; and

9 WHEREAS, composed of nine distinctly vital and geographically diverse member  
10 institutions, the UL System includes Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University,  
11 McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University,  
12 Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of  
13 Louisiana at Monroe, and the University of New Orleans; and

14 WHEREAS, the UL System's nine member institutions have an exceptional  
15 combined enrollment of over ninety thousand highly motivated students, all of whom are  
16 fervently pursuing knowledge that will aid in augmenting the human experience; and

17 WHEREAS, a broad and comprehensive education is offered by the UL System with  
18 an extensive array of disciplines, spanning from education, nursing, cybersecurity, and

1 maritime studies to humanities, physical science, music, allied health, engineering, social  
2 studies, pharmacy, business administration, and public administration; and

3 WHEREAS, to prevail in a twenty-first century economy, the UL System identifies  
4 five core competencies that guide its actions: communication competence, critical and  
5 creative problem solving, adaptable resilience, cultural competence, and self-reflective  
6 awareness; and

7 WHEREAS, annually, the UL System commemorates sixteen thousand five hundred  
8 alumni who have developed each core competency necessary for personal and professional  
9 achievement; and

10 WHEREAS, the UL System faculty confers vast expertise and resources to build a  
11 top-tier knowledge base that is transferable to educational, professional, cultural, and  
12 economic enterprises, while solving economic, environmental, and social challenges; and

13 WHEREAS, in the past four years, the researchers of the UL System have  
14 persistently made innovative strides resulting in one hundred twenty-one invention  
15 disclosures, seventy-five new patent applications, and produced ten licenses; and

16 WHEREAS, the UL System serves as a significant economic driver in Louisiana with  
17 an annual economic impact of eleven point nine billion dollars, which supports one in every  
18 fifteen jobs in the state; and

19 WHEREAS, worthy of continued investment, the University of Louisiana System  
20 is committed to creating the most educated generation in Louisiana's history.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 does hereby designate Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as "University of Louisiana System Day  
23 at the Capitol" and commends the University of Louisiana System for its sustained  
24 contributions to the state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the students, faculty, staff, and administrators  
26 of the nine member universities are lauded for their unwavering determination in utilizing  
27 exceptional qualities and offering exemplary educational opportunities for every citizen of  
28 Louisiana.

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle B. Johnson.

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