

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 15, 2023, as Southern University Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 15, 2023, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, the Southern University System welcomed new leadership by naming  
4 Dennis J. Shields as president of the Southern University System and chancellor of its  
5 flagship, Southern University and A&M College; and

6 WHEREAS, under President-Chancellor Shields' leadership, which is grounded in  
7 more than forty years of higher education experience, each Southern University campus  
8 continues to advance, support, and promote economic, cultural, and workforce development  
9 initiatives that bring benefits beyond the borders of the great state of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, students and faculty from throughout the Southern University System  
11 are hosting their first "Research in the Rotunda" at the Louisiana state capitol where they  
12 will share exceptional work and discovery that is transformative and meaningful for teaching  
13 and learning; and

14 WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College, a Carnegie Research 2  
15 institution with high research activity, celebrates one hundred forty-three years of academic  
16 and social progress, producing distinguished alumni such as recent Medal of Freedom  
17 honoree Colonel Paris Davis (retired), who received the honor from President Joe Biden in  
18 March 2023; and

19 WHEREAS, Southern continues to serve communities through various programs,  
20 including its school of nursing partnership with the Ochsner Health System to create Jag  
21 Mobile, a thirty-eight foot, state-of-the-art custom mobile health unit that provides services

1 to medically underserved communities within a fifty mile radius of the Baton Rouge  
2 campus; and

3 WHEREAS, the Southern University Law Center celebrates seventy-five years of  
4 opening doors for legal professionals; and

5 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chancellor John K. Pierre, the Law Center  
6 continues to thrive as a progressive and transformational legal education institution that  
7 provides access and opportunity to its students and community through trending  
8 programming and experiential learning; and

9 WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans will begin its bachelor of science  
10 in Cybersecurity program in Fall 2023 to support Louisiana's initiative for a cyber workforce  
11 and contribute a culturally representative STEM workforce in Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans has taken critical steps to support  
13 community mental wellness by establishing a grief and trauma center on its campus and  
14 student mental wellness with the establishment of its counseling center and ZEN Room; and

15 WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport celebrated fifty-five years of  
16 providing an accessible, excellent educational experience to students and programming for  
17 its surrounding community; and

18 WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport unveiled the Roy Griggs School of  
19 Business that is advancing the institution's academic and workforce priorities by helping to  
20 close the gap in the region and assisting in business retention and expansion efforts; and

21 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Regents has approved more than ten new  
22 academic programs at Southern University at Shreveport, including Airframe Technology  
23 and Teaching (Grades 1-5); and

24 WHEREAS, the Southern University Ag Center's Mobile Education & Technology  
25 Center can travel across the state of Louisiana to bring internet access, hands on testing, and  
26 live instruction to the most marginalized areas and remote corners of the state; and

27 WHEREAS, the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Science's  
28 Environmental Toxicology Ph.D. program is the only program of its kind in Louisiana,  
29 offering four areas of specialization in chemical and biochemical toxicology, cellular and  
30 molecular biology, developmental biology, material science, and bioinformatics; and

1           WHEREAS, the Southern University Laboratory School celebrated its one hundredth  
2 anniversary of providing K-12 education and serving as a training program for effective  
3 teaching methodologies; the Laboratory School has excelled in both academics and athletics  
4 throughout its history.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, May 15, 2023, as Southern  
7 University Day at the state capitol and does hereby acknowledge the invaluable contributions  
8 this institution has made to the state of Louisiana

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DIGEST

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