

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Southern continues to serve communities through various programs, including its school of nursing partnership with the Ochsner Health System to create Jag Mobile, a thirty-eight foot, state-of-the-art custom mobile health unit that provides services to medically underserved communities within a fifty mile radius of the Baton Rouge campus; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES