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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

HIGHER ED/SU BD SUPS: Requests that the Southern University Board of Supervisors take steps necessary to establish a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and
3	Mechanical College to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a medical
4	school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.
5	WHEREAS, there is great interest in establishing a medical school on the campus
6	of Southern University at Baton Rouge; and
7	WHEREAS, a medical school in the Baton Rouge region would help area students
8	prepare to obtain high paying jobs in the medical field and would help to meet expanding
9	workforce demands, particularly in terms of serving underrepresented communities
10	throughout Baton Rouge and the state as a whole; and
11	WHEREAS, a medical school on the Baton Rouge campus of the nation's only
12	HBCU system would serve to encourage some of the nation's best and brightest students to
13	put down roots in this community first as students and then as physicians and other medical
14	professionals; and
15	WHEREAS, it would benefit the community and state as a whole to further medical
16	educational opportunities in Baton Rouge and to create an anchor in the community for those
17	endeavoring to improve health outcomes for the state; and
18	WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana grants certain
19	powers relating to public institutions of postsecondary education to the Board of Regents,

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1 including to study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary

- 2 education; and
- 3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Southern University Board of Supervisors work
- 4 with the Board of Regents to begin the process for establishing a medical school on the
- 5 campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Board of Supervisors of Southern
- 8 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take all necessary steps for the
- 9 establishment of a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

## **DIGEST**

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