

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND COUSSAN

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 16, 2024, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, One Acadiana, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the UL Lafayette Alumni Association are bringing Acadiana's economic development, chamber, civic, business, and higher education partners together for "Acadiana Red and White Day" to promote the shared interests of the Acadiana Region; and

WHEREAS, these Acadiana Region leaders are focused every day on priorities to advance the Acadiana Region and the state of Louisiana and have made tremendous strides to enhance economic competitiveness, talent development, and quality of place through collaboration and innovation with legislators and other public officials; and

WHEREAS, Acadiana Red and White Day provides an opportunity to advocate for their priorities and celebrate shared achievements; and

WHEREAS, a top priority of the region's leaders is communicating the crucial role of our higher education institutions in improving economic competitiveness, cultivating talent, and boosting quality of life in each region and the entire state; and

WHEREAS, Acadiana is coming together to recognize the ongoing successes of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in their academic, athletic, and research endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has, for 125 years, supported and improved the educational, social, and economic well-being of Acadiana and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has an annual statewide economic impact of \$2.7 billion, supporting over 34,600 jobs, and returning eight dollars to the Louisiana economy for every one dollar invested; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is preparing for the next 125 years of progress by advancing a vision for healthcare, K-12 education, sustainability, and other areas to improve quality of life for Louisiana and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, continued success in supporting the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and advancing the Acadiana Region and the state of Louisiana requires ongoing leadership, shared vision, and strong collaboration with partners throughout the region and the entire state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby designates Tuesday, April 16, 2024, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the state capitol.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE