

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, there is great interest in establishing a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, a medical school in the Baton Rouge region would help area students prepare to obtain high paying jobs in the medical field and would help to meet expanding workforce demands, particularly in terms of serving underrepresented communities throughout Baton Rouge and the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a medical school on the Baton Rouge campus of the nation's only HBCU system would serve to encourage some of the nation's best and brightest students to put down roots in this community first as students and then as physicians and other medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit the community and state as a whole to further medical educational opportunities in Baton Rouge and to create an anchor in the community for those endeavoring to improve health outcomes for the state; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana grants certain powers relating to public institutions of postsecondary education to the Board of Regents, including to study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Southern University Board of Supervisors work with the Board of Regents to begin the process for establishing a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take all necessary steps for the establishment of a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES