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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Tulane University for its vital research and educational contributions to the state of Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tulane University for its vital research and educational contributions to the
3 state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Tulane University is one of the country's leading research and
5 educational institutions, the ninth-oldest private university in the prestigious Association of
6 American Universities, and home to the nation's oldest school of public health, the
7 twelfth-oldest law school, the fifteenth-oldest medical school, and one of only seven
8 federally funded National Primate Research Centers in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, Tulane faculty are regularly engaged in groundbreaking scholarship and
10 lifesaving research that is critically important to national defense and to the health of
11 military personnel and first-responders, including traumatic brain injury studies, research
12 into protection from bioweapons, tropical diseases, and other threats to our deployed military
13 personnel; and

14 WHEREAS, many Tulane researchers and doctors have a particular focus on children
15 and pregnant women, including studying and treating childhood respiratory conditions,
16 pediatric HIV, childhood auditory processing disorders, and neurodevelopmental conditions
17 in children; and

18 WHEREAS, Tulane brings hundreds of millions of dollars each year in external
19 funding to Louisiana and is a leader in the study of infectious disease, cancer, aging, brain
20 health, and many other fields including preserving and protecting Louisiana's coast and
21 preparing the next generation of energy leaders through its renowned Energy Institute; and

1 WHEREAS, Tulane's research-focused mission touches every segment of
2 communities throughout Louisiana, supporting more than thirty thousand jobs statewide and
3 generating \$88.2 million in state tax revenue each year, and has a \$5.2 billion overall annual
4 economic impact to our state; and

5 WHEREAS, Tulane has embarked on a once-in-a-generation expansion of its
6 downtown campus that will be anchored by the revitalization of the Charity Hospital
7 building and the repurposing of the Tulane Medical Center building; and

8 WHEREAS, these efforts will transform the downtown campus into a thriving center
9 of cutting-edge research and innovation that will create thousands of jobs while reimagining
10 Louisiana as a healthcare destination and a hub for discovery in the biosciences; and

11 WHEREAS, Tulane has launched numerous initiatives to keep the best and brightest
12 Louisiana high school students in-state, including the Louisiana Promise Program which
13 meets the full financial need of attending Tulane for Louisiana students whose families make
14 less than \$100,000 per year; and

15 WHEREAS, these initiatives complement such efforts as the Legislative Scholars
16 Program and the Mayoral Scholars programs which provide scholarships for Louisiana
17 students and which Tulane has recently expanded; the enrollment of Louisiana students
18 attending Tulane has steadily increased, and a growing percentage of Tulane alumni are
19 staying in Louisiana after graduation.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tulane University for its vital research and
22 educational contributions to the state of Louisiana and does hereby extend enduring
23 appreciation to the university for its efforts to educate and improve the lives of Louisianians
24 through cutting-edge scholarship, research, and healthcare.

DIGEST

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