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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Tulane's research-focused mission touches every segment of communities throughout Louisiana, supporting more than thirty thousand jobs statewide and

generating \$88.2 million in state tax revenue each year, and has a \$5.2 billion overall annual economic impact to our state; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES