

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Southern University on the occasion of its one hundred forty-fifth anniversary and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Southern University was established in 1880 and is proudly celebrating the one hundred forty-fifth anniversary of its founding in 2025, marking over a century of commitment to academic achievement, leadership, and service to the citizens of Louisiana and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University System is the nation's only historically black university system, comprising five campuses that serve as pillars of higher learning and community engagement: Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Southern University at New Orleans, Southern University at Shreveport, the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and the Southern University Law Center; and

WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge is the flagship of the system and a leading producer of African American graduates in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the university also holds a nationally recognized nursing program; and

WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans plays a critical role in expanding access to higher education in the Greater New Orleans area, with strong programs in social work, criminal justice, business, and now nursing and cybersecurity; it has been instrumental in the city's recovery and resilience following Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Southern University at Shreveport continues to serve as a vital access point to higher education in North Louisiana, offering robust programs in allied health, technology, and workforce development that meet the region's economic and employment needs; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center is a nationally recognized land grant institution that provides groundbreaking research, extension services, and community-based programs aimed at improving quality of life for Louisiana citizens, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Law Center is known for its inclusive and accessible legal education and has produced generations of attorneys, judges, and public servants who advocate for justice, civil rights, and equity throughout Louisiana and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Southern University Day at the state capitol provides an opportunity for legislators, community members, students, and alumni to come together in celebration of the system's enduring legacy and ongoing contributions to education, leadership, and community advancement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Southern University on the occasion of its one hundred forty-fifth anniversary and does hereby designate Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES