

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, May 19, 2025, as College Completion Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana students have worked tirelessly to reach the milestone of college graduation, often balancing jobs, caregiving, and personal challenges alongside their education; and

WHEREAS, today's graduates reflect the broad range of backgrounds and experiences found across our state, including students fresh out of high school, adult learners returning after years away, veterans transitioning into civilian life, first-generation college-goers, and working parents striving to create more opportunity for their families; and

WHEREAS, the value of a credential has never been clearer for individuals, for families, and for the long-term strength of our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, some of our universities have seen record enrollment gains, as well as growing participation in dual enrollment programs; more Louisianans believe in the promise of higher education, and more students are enrolling and persisting toward completion; and

WHEREAS, College Completion Day is a moment to celebrate the grit and resilience of Louisiana's graduates and to recognize the faculty, staff, and support systems that helped make their achievements possible; and

WHEREAS, the state must commit not only to applauding its graduates, but to protecting the future of higher education in Louisiana by investing in student success, preserving access, and ensuring that every graduate is not the exception, but the expectation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, May 19, 2025, as College Completion Day in the state of Louisiana and does hereby urge state leaders, institutions, and communities to celebrate college graduates and to keep building the kind of higher education system that sets every student on the path to success.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES