



1 Southern's Fight Song in 1951 and also served as Dean of the College of Arts and  
2 Humanities from 1968 to 1978; and

3 WHEREAS, at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College,  
4 he served as Professor of Humanities, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and  
5 Executive Assistant to the Chancellor; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1988 he was appointed to the State Board of Elementary and  
7 Secondary Education by Governor Buddy Roemer and named to the board of advisers of the  
8 J. W. Fulbright Scholarship program in 1996 by then President Bill Clinton; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2005, LSU awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters  
10 and created a fellowship program that bears his name to assist students in their personal  
11 quest to achieve their greatest potential; and

12 WHEREAS, born on December 27, 1924, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dr. Perkins  
13 spent his entire career in the service of others as a professor and an administrator in higher  
14 education; and

15 WHEREAS, during his lifetime he earned numerous humanitarian awards and served  
16 on many nonprofit boards, including the Capital Area United Way, Baton Rouge Symphony,  
17 Louisiana Public Broadcasting, and the New Orleans Museum of Art; and

18 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Thelma Smith Perkins;  
19 his son Huel Alfred Perkins; his grandsons Huel Jared Perkins and Vincent Frederick  
20 Perkins; and a host of extended family and loving friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Huel Davis Perkins was a loving husband, father, and grandfather;  
22 a dedicated professor, administrator, speaker, and composer; a veteran of the United States  
23 Navy; a "true son of Southern" and a gentleman of quick wit with a warm sense of humor;  
24 he shared his knowledge with others; and he was a man of integrity who tried to see the best  
25 in everyone he met.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
27 does hereby extend its most sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Huel D. Perkins on the  
28 occasion of his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Huel D. Perkins shall be remembered as a  
30 man whose dedication to scholarship has been a priceless gift to the state of Louisiana.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his  
2 wife, Mrs. Thelma Perkins.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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DIGEST

Broome

SR No. 43

Expresses condolences upon the death of Dr. Huel D. Perkins, former educator and  
collegiate administrator.