

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as Tulane University Day at the Louisiana House of Representatives and commends Tulane University

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence and to designate
3 Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as Tulane University Day at the Louisiana House of
4 Representatives.

5 WHEREAS, founded in 1834, Tulane University is one of the most highly regarded
6 and selective independent research universities in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Tulane traces its origins to the Medical College of Louisiana, the deep
8 south's second-oldest medical school, which was founded in 1834 by seven young doctors
9 and, by 1847, had become part of the newly established University of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, Tulane is the nation's only university with a School of Medicine, a
11 School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a National Primate Center; and

12 WHEREAS, Tulane has provided medical care for tens of thousands of patients at
13 Charity Hospital and educated thousands of physicians through medical student training and
14 residency programs at Charity and University Hospitals; and

15 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2006, Tulane became the first research university in the
16 nation to have a public service requirement for all undergraduates; and

17 WHEREAS, Tulane has been named by the Corporation for National and
18 Community Service to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for
19 an unprecedented seven consecutive years; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2011, Tulane's Center for Public Service piloted the "Together for
2 Tomorrow" program which sends AmeriCorps VISTA members to area schools to advance
3 community partnerships and which contributed more than 180,000 hours of service in 2012;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Tulane students have contributed 480,000 service hours to programs in
6 New Orleans; and

7 WHEREAS, the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiative's AdvanceNOLA
8 program has more than doubled the number of students taking Advanced Placement math,
9 science, and English courses in high schools, with more than five hundred students enrolled
10 in such courses in 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, twenty-five percent of African American students in Louisiana taking
12 Advanced Placement tests in 2012 were participants in Tulane's AdvanceNOLA program;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center has opened in the
15 location of the original Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and provides care to those in New Orleans
16 who are underinsured or uninsured; and

17 WHEREAS, Tulane is at the forefront of university-led efforts to incorporate social
18 entrepreneurship into both academic and research programs; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2012, Tulane became the first university to offer a university-wide
20 undergraduate minor in social innovation and social entrepreneurship; and

21 WHEREAS, Tulane is New Orleans' largest private employer, with nearly six
22 thousand employees, and is a major economic force in the region accounting for
23 approximately \$920 million in annual economic activity and the creation of over ten
24 thousand jobs throughout Louisiana; and

25 WHEREAS, the new Yulman Stadium is returning to campus after a thirty-year
26 absence, and it will be a point of pride for Tulane and give the Green Wave a true home
27 field advantage; and

28 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day to celebrate the
29 accomplishments of Tulane University.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tulane University for a tradition of
3 academic excellence and does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as Tulane
4 University Day at the Louisiana House of Representatives.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to the president of Tulane University.

DIGEST

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Commends Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence and recognizes May 21, 2013, as Tulane University Day at the La. House of Representatives.