

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 30, 2013, as University of New Orleans (UNO) Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, in 1958, UNO became the first public university in the south to open its doors as a racially integrated institution; and

WHEREAS, UNO is Louisiana's only urban, public research university, and houses Louisiana's largest business school, Louisiana's largest master's program in health care management, Louisiana's only master's program in hospitality and tourism, Louisiana's largest power and energy research laboratory, Louisiana's only Ph.D. program in educational administration, a top-ranked psychology program, a federal transportation research center, a film program that ranks among the nation's top thirty, and a jazz studies program that embraces the rich traditions of New Orleans and the innovation and creativity that keep the city at the forefront of a burgeoning creative economy; and

WHEREAS, UNO's economic impact on the state of Louisiana is estimated at one billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, *U.S. News and World Report's* diversity index ranks UNO top in the state for ethnic diversity; and

WHEREAS, the same magazine has named UNO among the top twenty "Most Popular National Universities"; and

WHEREAS, UNO has graduated more than 75,000 alumni, including distinguished community and business leaders such as New Orleans City Council District D Representative, Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; Orleans Parish District Attorney, Leon Cannizzaro; NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center Director, Patrick Scheuermann; Stewart Enterprises Chief Executive Officer, Tom Kitchen; Crescent Bank & Trust Chief Executive Officer, Gary Solomon, and GeoCent Chief Executive Officer Bobby Savoie; and

WHEREAS, UNO alumni include many of the teachers, engineers, computer scientists, artists, and entrepreneurs whose talents have helped New Orleans earn top rankings for growth, information jobs, digital media, and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, UNO is an institution that provides life-changing educational opportunity, encourages creativity, and expands students' knowledge of the world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the University of New Orleans as the "Heartbeat of the Crescent City" and recognizes May 30, 2013, as UNO Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the University of New Orleans.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES