

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend the students, faculty, and staff of Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) on the establishment of a westbank campus at the L.B. Landry/O. Perry Walker High School site for the primary benefit of westbank residents.

WHEREAS, SUNO is a public, historically black university that creates and maintains an environment conducive to learning and growth, as well as promotes the upward mobility of a diverse population of both traditional and nontraditional students through quality academic programs and service to achieve excellence in higher education; and

WHEREAS, leaders in both secondary and postsecondary education have lamented the lack of educational options on New Orleans' west bank; and

WHEREAS, starting in August 2013, SUNO faculty will move into the unified L.B. Landry and O. Perry Walker High School building, where they will teach between twelve and fifteen first-year courses in English, biology, math, social work, criminal justice and others; and

WHEREAS, the August roll-out will include space for students to register for classes and apply for financial aid; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between SUNO and the high school was solidified by the signing of a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday, April 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the partnership was heralded by O. Perry Walker High School Principal Mary Laurie as "the beginning of a dream realized".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the students, faculty, and staff of SUNO on the establishment of a westbank campus at the L.B. Landry/O. Perry Walker High School site for the primary benefit of westbank residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chancellor of SUNO.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES