

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

SENATE. Commends President Scott Cowen and Tulane University for a tradition of academic excellence and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2014 as Tulane University at the Louisiana Legislature.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend President Scott Cowen and Tulane University for a tradition of academic
3 excellence and to designate Tuesday, April 22, 2014, as Tulane University Day at the
4 Louisiana Legislature.

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 founded
8 in 1834 by seven young doctors as the Deep South's second-oldest medical school, which
9 by 1847 was part of the newly established public institution, the University of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, Scott S. Cowen is Tulane University's 14th President and he also holds
11 joint appointments as the Seymour S Goodman Memorial Professor of Business in Tulane's
12 A.B. Freeman School of Business and Professor of Economics in the School of Liberal Arts;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, TIME magazine has named President Cowen one of the nation's Top
15 10 Best College Presidents and he was one of only four university leaders nationwide to
16 receive the 2009 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2010 President Cowen was elected to the American Academy of Arts
18 and Sciences, one of the world's most prestigious honorary societies. And in that same year

1 he was appointed by President Barack Obama to the White House Council for Community
2 Solutions, which advised the President on ways to reconnect and empower young people
3 who are neither employed nor in school; and

4 WHEREAS, President Cowen is also the recipient of The Times-Picayune's Loving
5 Cup, which each year honors a New Orleanian who has worked unselfishly for the
6 community without expectation of recognition or material reward and has been honored by
7 New Orleans CityBusiness as one of the 30 "Driving Forces" in New Orleans in the last 30
8 years and by Gambit as New Orleanian of the Year in 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, Since President Cowen's arrival in 1998, Tulane University has more
10 than quadrupled its undergraduate applications while experiencing all-time highs in student
11 quality; and

12 WHEREAS, President Cowen led Tulane through the most trying period of its
13 history when, in August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans,
14 flooding 70 percent of Tulane's uptown campus and all the buildings of its downtown health
15 sciences campus; and

16 WHEREAS, Tulane is the nation's only university with a School of Medicine, School
17 of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and a National Institutes of Health-funded National
18 Primate Center; and

19 WHEREAS, Tulane University has provided medical care for tens of thousands of
20 patients at Charity Hospital and educated thousands of future physicians through medical
21 student training and residency programs at Charity and University hospitals; and

22 WHEREAS, research in many disciplines has flourished at Tulane through the
23 establishment of centers such as the Newcomb College Institute, the Roger Thayer Stone
24 Center for Latin American Studies, the Middle American Research Institute, the Center for
25 Bioenvironmental Research, the Murphy Institute of Political Economy, the Tulane Cancer
26 Center, the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, and the New Orleans Center
27 for the Gulf South; and

28 WHEREAS, the Center for Bioenvironmental Research (CBR) is building on a rich
29 history of cross-disciplinary research and service and advancing the state's capacity in
30 environmental research on long-standing and emerging concerns; and

1 WHEREAS, the CBR is dedicated to realizing sustainability and creating a more
2 resilient coast by fostering innovation and research; and

3 WHEREAS, Tulane is ranked by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of
4 Teaching as a university with very high research activity; and

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiative's AdvanceNola
13 program has more than doubled the number of students taking Advanced Placement math,
14 science, and English courses in high schools with more than 500 students enrolled in 2013;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Tulane is New Orleans' largest private employer and a major economic
17 driver in the region, accounting for approximately \$920 million dollars in annual economic
18 activity and directly and indirectly creating 10,600 jobs throughout Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, the new Yulman Stadium is returning college football to campus after
20 a 30-year absence, and it will be a point of pride and economic stimulus for New Orleans
21 and give the Green Wave a true home field advantage; and

22 WHEREAS, President Cowen will be retiring on July 1, 2014 leaving a distinguished
23 legacy that Tulane University and the State of Louisiana will be forever grateful for; and

24 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a special day in celebration of President
25 Scott Cowen and Tulane University.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby commend President Scott Cowen and Tulane University for a tradition of
28 academic excellence and does hereby designate Tuesday, April 22, 2014, as Tulane
29 University Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 president of Tulane University.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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