

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARRAS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, April 28, 2016, as Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Experience and Taste of Louisiana Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have provided high-quality academic and workforce training programs since the creation of the system in 1999 and offer credentials such as certificates, technical diplomas, industry-based certifications, and associate degrees in high-demand, high-income industries, and provide workforce solutions for business and industry; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the thirteen colleges that make up the Louisiana Community and Technical College System enrolled more than 150,000 students in credit programs, non-credit workforce training programs, and adult education programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Louisiana's community and technical colleges had 21,743 graduates, its largest graduating class ever, seventy percent of whom graduated in programs that lead to high-demand, high-income careers; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Louisiana's community and technical colleges had more than 12,000 students transfer to various four-year universities, and these institutions have worked collaboratively with the state's baccalaureate degree granting public universities to establish 2 Plus 2 Programs, articulation agreements, and share best practices; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent study, WorkReady U, Louisiana's comprehensive adult education system designed to serve undereducated and underemployed citizens of the state, ranked fifteenth in the nation when measured for basic skills attainment, and outpaced the national measurable skills average and the southern measurable skills average by three percent and six percent, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, six colleges in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System were named in a recent list of the fastest-growing community and technical colleges in the nation, and three colleges had their largest graduating classes ever; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have made it a priority to build mutually beneficial partnerships with industry, to make strategic investments, and to align programs and curricula to meet local and statewide industry needs; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have worked diligently to ensure that students receive a world-class education at an affordable price in a nurturing and rigorous environment that will prepare them for a rewarding career; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, administration, and system board members and its employees have dedicated their lives and put their professional reputations on the line for the advancement of the students and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is served by the good works of its community and technical colleges across the state, and the citizens can be confident in looking to the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges System for solutions to the state's educational and workforce development needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, April 28, 2016, as Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Experience and Taste of Louisiana Day at the state capitol, and does hereby commend the dedicated work and the contributions of the employees and students of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to the great state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System board of supervisors and system president Monty Sullivan.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES