

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATORS ALARIO AND PEACOCK

A RESOLUTION

To recognize April 19, 2017, as University of Louisiana System Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System, serving students from every parish in our state, is Louisiana's largest system of higher education and ranks nineteenth nationwide in student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System includes Northwestern University, Louisiana Tech University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Grambling State University, Southeastern University, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, and the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System, through its nine campuses, enrolls more than 90,000 students in over 700 academic degree programs; and

WHEREAS, the University of Louisiana System awards more than 16,000 degrees annually including 65% of the state's bachelor's degrees, 61% of the state's master's degrees, 100% of the state's public pharmacy degrees, 74% of the state's education degrees, 60% of the state's engineering degrees, and 72% of the state's four-year nursing degrees; and

WHEREAS, 74% of recent University of Louisiana System graduates remain in Louisiana after graduation and have added \$6.5 billion to Louisiana's economy in the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, University of Louisiana System universities have a \$3.5 billion annual economic impact, thus producing a twelve dollar return for every one dollar invested by the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 19, 2017, as University of Louisiana System Day at the Louisiana Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the University of Louisiana System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE