

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR CHABERT

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes Monday, May 22, 2017, as LUMCON Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and commends the members of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, May 22, 2017, as "LUMCON Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol
3 and to commend the members of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for
4 Research and Education.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana commends the
6 members of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for Research and Education
7 (LUMCON), the state's greatest marine science asset with the mission to promote, facilitate,
8 and conduct research and education collaborations among Louisiana's universities in marine
9 and coastal sciences relevant to the sustainability of coastal and marine environments of the
10 Gulf of Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, founded in 1979, LUMCON has become a leading marine research and
12 education consortium that stimulates, coordinates, and facilitates scientific research among
13 the marine science and education programs within Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, LUMCON connects its members to enhance research collaboration and
15 exchange partnerships by removing barriers for collaboration and leveraging group
16 knowledge, bolstering marine research of scientists, providing infrastructure needed for its
17 members, providing and creating innovative science-infused field and skill courses,
18 continuing to build tools and processes needed for a healthy consortium, and expanding its

1 network; and

2 WHEREAS, LUMCON is transforming marine science in Louisiana by contributing
3 to science and conservation in meaningful and profound ways through leveraging of assets
4 like the DeFelice Marine Center, a world-class fleet of research vessels, and an
5 environmental monitoring program; and

6 WHEREAS, LUMCON operates and maintains one of the largest fleets of research
7 vessels along the Gulf of Mexico; and with a long and distinguished career of service,
8 LUMCON's marine operations are unmatched in the Gulf of Mexico and have gained respect
9 from researchers and educators worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, the R/V Pelican is the flagship of LUMCON's research fleet and is
11 outfitted to conduct a variety of oceanographic research missions; the reliability, utility, and
12 seaworthiness of the vessel and crew are well demonstrated since 1985, and is heralded by
13 the scientific community; and often referred to by oceanographers as the "Workhorse of the
14 Gulf", the R/V Pelican has a long track record of excellence in scientific research; and

15 WHEREAS, LUMCON is committed to strengthening the marine science community
16 through education and outreach initiatives; and

17 WHEREAS, LUMCON's education program purpose is to enable the development
18 of the next generation of marine scientists and ocean-literate citizens by providing
19 meaningful and relevant place-based and skill-based experiences for all, while aiming to
20 have significant impact on Louisiana's diverse citizenry including those populations
21 underrepresented and underserved in marine science; and

22 WHEREAS, LUMCON is currently finalizing a strategic plan to guide the
23 organization to a position of greater service, science, and sustainability; and

24 WHEREAS, LUMCON stands strong on its values of highest quality of education
25 programs, scientific inquiry, academic integrity, exchange of ideas and information,
26 opportunities for students who are underrepresented in marine science, and increasing
27 societal awareness of the environmental, economic, and cultural values of Louisiana's coast.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 recognize Monday, May 22, 2017, as "LUMCON Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol and
30 does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation to the members of LUMCON for

1 the tremendous honor and pride they bring to the state of Louisiana.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
3 Louisiana Board of Regents.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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