

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Monday, June 5, 2017, as Southern University Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, June 5, 2017, as Southern University Day at the state capitol and to
3 commend and congratulate the Southern University System on its one hundred
4 thirty-seven year history.

5 WHEREAS, the Southern University System began in New Orleans, Louisiana, in
6 1880, when a group of black politicians led by former United States Senator P.B.S.
7 Pinchback of New Orleans, joined by T.T. Allain of Iberville Parish and Henry Demas of
8 St. John the Baptist Parish, petitioned the state constitutional convention to establish a school
9 of higher learning for "colored" people and as a result, Act No. 87 of 1880 was enacted and
10 Southern University came into existence; and

11 WHEREAS, the passage of the Second Morrill Act of 1890 provided for the
12 establishment of an agricultural and mechanical department for African Americans with
13 support from the state and federal governments and Southern University was reorganized as
14 a land-grant institution with separate divisions for agriculture and mechanical arts; and

15 WHEREAS, the university moved from New Orleans to Baton Rouge in 1912
16 pursuant to Act No. 118 of 1912 and opened on its new site in 1914 under the leadership of
17 Dr. J.S. Clark where its curriculum was expanded through two-year college degrees; and

18 WHEREAS, from a school with twelve students, five faculty members, a ten
19 thousand dollar budget, and a vision, Southern University has developed into a university
20 system that is a national treasure with five campuses offering baccalaureate degree

1 programs, associate degree programs, master degree programs, doctoral programs, and a law
2 degree program; and

3 WHEREAS, numerous academic programs at Southern University have received
4 national acclaim: SU's School of Nursing and Allied Health's Graduate Nursing Program was
5 recently honored as the "2017 Nursing School of the Year, Graduate Degree Programs" by
6 the Louisiana Nurses Federation; the SU Laboratory School is ranked thirty-eighth among
7 *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best High Schools in Louisiana"; the Department of Family
8 and Consumer Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Family, and Consumer Sciences is
9 prominently ranked in the 2016-2017 list of "50 Great Value Colleges for Family and
10 Consumer Sciences"; the SU Law Center in 2016 was ranked fourth in highest yield of
11 student enrollment by *U.S. News and World Report* and first in "Most Diverse Faculty" by
12 the Princeton Review; and

13 WHEREAS, many of those persons who are grateful for the opportunity and
14 education provided them by Southern University serve as elected members of this Louisiana
15 House of Representatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Southern University merits a special measure of recognition upon the
17 celebration of its exemplary education tradition proving that a dream in 1880 has today
18 become a living legacy of determination, commitment, and success that now spans one
19 hundred thirty-seven years.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, June 5, 2017, as Southern
22 University Day at the state capitol, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the pride
23 and honor that the Southern University System brings to the state of Louisiana, does hereby
24 express sincere appreciation for its singular legacy of excellence, and does hereby extend
25 to the entire Southern University family best wishes upon this memorable day.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27 to the president of the Southern University System.

DIGEST

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