

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR BISHOP

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes Wednesday, March 28, 2018, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, March 28, 2018, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, first chartered in April 1880, Southern University recently celebrated  
4 its one hundred thirty-eighth year of providing opportunities for students from all walks of  
5 life to achieve a high-quality and global educational experience; and

6 WHEREAS, the Southern University System is the only historically black college  
7 and university (HBCU) system in the country, and includes Southern University at New  
8 Orleans, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University  
9 Law Center, Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and Southern  
10 University at Shreveport; and

11 WHEREAS, Southern University serves its diverse student body by nurturing  
12 students so that they can become future leaders and distinguish themselves as entrepreneurs,  
13 visionaries, collaborators, and lifelong learners capable of contributing to the global  
14 workforce; and

15 WHEREAS, Southern University embraces the land grant principle that is part of the  
16 university's core identity and, in so doing, effects change both inside and outside the  
17 university community; and

18 WHEREAS, Southern University is a trailblazer within the HBCU community and

1 boasts a global network of thousands of successful alumni representing various professions,  
 2 all of whom make significant and positive contributions to society in both the public and  
 3 private sectors, including twenty-three members of the Louisiana Legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, Southern University is an invaluable asset to the city of Baton Rouge,  
 5 the state of Louisiana, the United States of America, and the world, and serves as a vital  
 6 economic engine for the community, generating substantial economic returns year after year;  
 7 and

8 WHEREAS, Southern University is dedicated to meaningful public service and  
 9 community engagement and expresses this dedication through meaningful partnerships and  
 10 projects that help to improve the civic life of the communities it serves; and

11 WHEREAS, the Southern University Board of Supervisors is vested with the  
 12 responsibility for the management and supervision of the institutions of higher education,  
 13 statewide agricultural programs, and other programs that comprise the Southern University  
 14 System; and

15 WHEREAS, Southern University's mission is aligned with the Board of Regents'  
 16 commitment to "Elevate Louisiana!", and the university vigorously pursues this mission by  
 17 using education to improve lives, create a strong workforce, and build Louisiana's economy.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
 19 does hereby recognize Wednesday, March 28, 2018, as Southern University Day at the state  
 20 capitol and does hereby express gratitude to the administration, faculty, and students of  
 21 Southern University for their invaluable contributions to the great state of Louisiana.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
 23 president of the Southern University System.

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

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DIGEST

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