

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Southern University is a trailblazer within the HBCU community and boasts a global network of thousands of successful alumni representing various professions, all of whom make significant and positive contributions to society in both the public and private sectors, including twenty-three members of the Louisiana Legislature; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE