

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends J. Terrell Brown, Sr., on receipt of an honorary
doctorate of humane letters from Southern University

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend J. Terrell Brown, Sr., on receipt of an honorary doctorate of humane letters
3 from Southern University.

4 WHEREAS, J. Terrell Brown, Sr., graduated from Louisiana State University in
5 1964 with a bachelor's degree in finance and insurance; he is a tremendously successful
6 entrepreneur who cofounded GMFS Mortgage and GoAuto Insurance, two successful Baton
7 Rouge-based businesses; his business ventures often focus on investing and consulting with
8 those seeking to develop new and innovative approaches to real estate, housing, mobile
9 technology, movie production, and software; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is an involved member of the Baton Rouge business
11 community; he has served in many leadership roles including chairman of the board of the
12 Credit Bureau Foundation of Baton Rouge; chairman and CEO of United Companies; and
13 director on the boards of US Agencies, Sizelar Properties, Hibernia National Bank, Freeport
14 McMoRan Sulphur, and Piccadilly Corporation; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown also commits his time and expertise to give back to the
16 community; he has served as chairman of the board of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and
17 Research Park Corporation, and he is the cofounder of Innovation Catalyst, a nonprofit
18 venture development organization; he also served on the board of the LSU Foundation and
19 the E.J. Ourso College of Business Dean's Advisory Council; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served for over two decades on the board of LSU's
21 Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation, including three years as chair; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's involvement in the Baton Rouge community has earned
2 him numerous accolades; in 1997, he was inducted into the Ourso College of Business Hall
3 of Distinction, and in 1998, he was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of
4 Distinction; and

5 WHEREAS, on Friday, May 14, 2021, during the Spring 2021 Commencement,
6 Southern University will award Mr. Brown an honorary doctorate of humane letters; he was
7 the benefactor for the university's first endowed chair, The James A. Joseph/United
8 Companies Financial Corporation Endowed Chair in Small and Minority Business
9 Enterprise; and

10 WHEREAS, J. Terrell Brown, Sr., is a true pillar in the Baton Rouge business
11 community; his commitment to the community through philanthropic donations and civic
12 involvement is deserving of the highest recognition.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend J. Terrell Brown, Sr., on receipt of an
15 honorary doctorate of humane letters from Southern University; does hereby recognize
16 Mr. Brown's decades of service to the Baton Rouge community; and does hereby extend
17 sincere hopes for his continued success.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
19 J. Terrell Brown, Sr.

DIGEST

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