

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR FIELDS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes April 6, 2022, as Southern University Day at the capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as Southern University Day at the capitol.

3 WHEREAS, Southern University, chartered in April 1880, by the General Assembly
4 of the State of Louisiana, recently celebrated one-hundred forty-two years of providing
5 opportunities for students from all walks of life to achieve a high quality global educational
6 experience; and

7 WHEREAS, opened for instruction in September 1947, the Southern University Law
8 Center is celebrating its seventy-fifth year anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, the Southern University Laboratory School which began operating in
10 September 1922, is celebrating its centennial anniversary; and

11 WHEREAS, the Southern University Laboratory School has won the Louisiana High
12 School Athletic Association Girls and Boys Basketball Division IV State Championships;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Southern University System is the only Historically Black College
15 and University (HBCU) system including: Southern University of New Orleans, Southern
16 University of Baton Rouge, Southern University Law Center, Southern University
17 Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and Southern University of Shreveport; and

18 WHEREAS, Southern University and A&M College has been designated as a

1 Carnegie R2 institution with "high research activity" which is the second highest
2 classification for American research universities, and is ranked by the *U.S. News and World*
3 *Report* as one of the top twenty HBCUs in the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Southern University serves a unique and diverse population through the
5 nurturing, creative, and holistic development of its students by preparing future leaders that
6 are entrepreneurs, visionaries, collaborators, and lifelong learners ready to meet the needs
7 and contribute to the success of the global workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, Southern University provides models of excellence in diversity,
9 education, research, workforce solutions, and universal engagement by embracing its
10 land-grant principle and thereby affecting change in and around the Southern University
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Southern University is a trailblazer in the HBCU community with a
13 global network of thousands of successful alumni representing diverse professionals and
14 making significant and positive contributions to society in public and private sectors,
15 including twenty-eight members of the Louisiana Legislature; and

16 WHEREAS, Southern University is a great asset to the State of Louisiana, the nation,
17 and the world, and is a valuable economic engine in its communities, generating substantial
18 economic returns year after year; and

19 WHEREAS, the Southern University System is dedicated to meaningful public
20 service and community engagement to enhance the academic experience and the common
21 good through meaningful partnerships and projects to help improve the quality of life for
22 others and working to make a difference in the civic life of the communities where their
23 alumni work and live; and

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

28 WHEREAS, Southern University's mission is aligned with the Board of Regents
29 Master Plan for higher education and the Talent Imperative to Educate, Innovate, and
30 Collaborate; and

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the Southern University System for its
2 outstanding achievements in their local communities, the state, and the world.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
4 does hereby welcome and officially recognizes Wednesday, April 6, 2022, as Southern
5 University Day at the capitol.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
7 Mr. Cedric Upshaw, Esq., Executive Director of Governmental Affairs, Southern University
8 System.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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