

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON, FREEMAN, AND WRIGHT

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, April 7, 2022, as Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or LAICU, is comprised of the ten private nonprofit colleges and universities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the colleges that comprise LAICU are Centenary College of Louisiana, Dillard University, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Louisiana Christian University, Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Saint Joseph Seminary College, Tulane University, University of Holy Cross, and Xavier University of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, LAICU colleges and universities are a vital part of the higher education ecosystem in Louisiana, and their contributions impact the growth and trajectory of the state, region, and nation; and

WHEREAS, as anchors for their communities, LAICU institutions employ nearly 9,000 people and contribute to the state's economic growth by generating over \$1.3 billion in revenue; and

WHEREAS, LAICU colleges and universities attract out-of-state students to the state and often retain that talent in the state after graduation; LAICU alumni generate \$630 million in total added income to the Louisiana economy; and

WHEREAS, as a vital part of the talent development pipeline in the state, LAICU schools enroll over 28,000 students a year and graduate twenty percent of all students earning bachelors degrees in Louisiana, including twenty-one percent of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees, twenty-one percent of health profession degrees, nineteen percent of business degrees, and seven percent of education degrees; and

WHEREAS, as significant contributors to the workforce agenda in the state, LAICU colleges and universities partner with business and industry, economic development organizations, the Board of Regents, Louisiana's public universities, and Louisiana technical and community colleges to develop pathways to prosperity for all Louisianians; and

WHEREAS, LAICU institutions are mission-driven and remain committed to creating access and opportunity for students to afford and graduate from college; indeed, thirty-eight percent of students at LAICU institutions are Pell recipients and over 3,600 receive Taylor Opportunity Program for Students awards; and

WHEREAS, LAICU colleges and universities are varied and represent faith-based institutions, research universities, historically black colleges and universities, and small liberal arts colleges; this diversity of intuition types adds to the richness and complexity of higher education offerings in the state; and

WHEREAS, LAICU colleges and universities will continue to collaborate, initiate, and enthusiastically respond to opportunities to address the challenges that Louisianians face, and they remain committed to partnering to arrive at solutions that will position Louisiana to make a greater impact on its citizens, this region, and the nation and world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, April 7, 2022, as Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES