

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Loyola University New Orleans for its history of academic excellence upon the historic appointment of Dr. Xavier Cole as its president.

WHEREAS, Loyola University, a Jesuit and Catholic institution of higher education, was formed in 1912; and

WHEREAS, Loyola welcomes students of diverse backgrounds and prepares them to lead meaningful lives for others by teaching students to pursue truth, wisdom, and virtue; and to work for a more just world; and to find God in all things; and

WHEREAS, Loyola is dedicated to educating the whole person and teaching students to embody the Ignatian ideals of faith, truth, justice, and service, and;

WHEREAS, Loyola has an extensive list of highly accomplished alumni that includes Louisiana governors, Louisiana Supreme Court justices, United State District and Circuit court judges, and other high-ranking federal officials; and

WHEREAS, Loyola is continuously working to attract and keep the best and brightest students in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, more than 24,000 Loyola alumni live in Louisiana, which is nearly half of Loyola's 50,000 living alumni; and

WHEREAS, in March 2023, Loyola made history and named Dr. Xavier Cole as its first African-American president and only the second lay president in Loyola's 111-year history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cole has committed to identify mission-aligned partnerships to strengthen Loyola while also meeting the local, state, and regional needs in the business community, education sector, and healthcare fields; and

WHEREAS, Loyola University is most deserving of the highest recognition for its incredible history of academic excellence, and the state of Louisiana is immensely proud to serve as the home of this inspiring institution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Loyola University New Orleans for its history of academic excellence upon the historic appointment of Dr. Xavier Cole as its president and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that both he and the university continue to provide students with a mission-driven educational experience that will allow students to fully contribute to our state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES