

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 24, 2024, as LSU Day at the state capitol and commend Louisiana State University on its contributions.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its campuses and extension offices, is the most comprehensive education system in the state, with a public mission focused on education, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the totality of the LSU enterprise yielded more than \$6.1 billion in total economic impact to the state last year, providing an estimated 45,700 jobs to communities and over \$2.4 billion in new statewide earnings; demonstrating that for every dollar provided by the state, LSU provides a \$13.85 return of economic activity or \$690 per Louisianian; and

WHEREAS, LSU serves as the talent development engine for Louisiana, enrolling more than 64,000 students across all levels, from certificates to the doctoral level; LSU granted over 13,400 degrees last year in fields including agriculture, humanities, physical sciences, music, medicine, nursing, allied health, engineering, veterinary medicine, social sciences, education, dentistry, law, business administration, and public administration; and

WHEREAS, LSU alumni contribute to the health of the citizenry, with two of every three physicians and three of every four dentists in the state being LSU-trained, plus the innumerable other health fields such as physical and occupational therapy, mental health, dental hygiene, nursing, public health, and social work occupied by LSU graduates; and

WHEREAS, the university's "Pentagon" priorities of agriculture, biomedicine, coast, defense, and energy focus on supporting the needs of Louisiana and the United States; and

WHEREAS, LSU holds a research portfolio valued at \$1.3 billion, collaborating with more than one hundred-thirty universities, nearly five hundred industry partners, and

fourteen of fifteen federal cabinet level departments; and that value is on the rise, with LSU's record year in research expenditures, \$428 million, and ranking among the top seventy-five universities worldwide in utility patents, the highest ranking in LSU history; and

WHEREAS, LSU's athletic teams are among the most competitive in the United States, including a national championship for LSU women's gymnastics and LSU Tiger Girls in Hip Hop Dance and currently top ranked teams such as LSU Eunice baseball, LSU baseball, and LSU women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of the citizens of Louisiana and the nation have contributed to the support of Louisiana State University, and LSU has in turn provided quality education, basic and applied research, new and state of the art discoveries in all fields, numerous hours of volunteerism, and valuable public service; and

WHEREAS, LSU remains one of the greatest investments for Louisiana, one focused only on improving the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 24, 2024, as LSU Day at the state capitol, commends Louisiana State University on its contributions, and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the university and its students continue to prosper in all of their endeavors.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES