

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the students, faculty, and staff of Louisiana State University upon the opening of the African American Cultural Center

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the students, faculty, and staff of Louisiana State University upon the opening
3 of the African American Cultural Center.

4 WHEREAS, the African American Cultural Center represents the original concept
5 of Harambeé House, which was founded on November 6, 1972, at 3004 Highland Road; and

6 WHEREAS, Harambeé House was a popular attraction on LSU's campus for many
7 years but was eventually condemned and sold back to the university; and

8 WHEREAS, eleven years later, due in large part to the efforts of the LSU Black
9 Student Caucus, a subcommittee purchased the Christian Science Building to house the new
10 cultural center; and

11 WHEREAS, on April 19, 1991, the LSU Board of Supervisors approved the request
12 of the Black Student Caucus, and the dedication and opening ceremony of the LSU African
13 American Cultural Center was held on January 17, 1993, where it remained until January
14 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, since then, the African American Cultural Center had been temporarily
16 relocated to Hatcher Hall during the construction of the new cultural center; and

17 WHEREAS, the new African American cultural center will be located at 3 Union
18 Square, Raphael Semmes Road, on the campus of LSU; and

19 WHEREAS, on Friday, May 3, 2013, the LSU Office of Multicultural Affairs will
20 hold the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new five-thousand six-hundred square foot African
21 American Cultural Center.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the students, faculty, and staff of Louisiana
3 State University upon the opening of the African American Cultural Center, does hereby
4 extend to them heartfelt appreciation for all of their hard work and commitment, and does
5 hereby extend to them best wishes for success and prosperity in the future.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
7 to the coordinator of African American Student Affairs.

DIGEST

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