

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Southern University Law Center as it assembles the law center family for "SULC Day at the Capitol" and further recognize the center as an institution that promotes and perpetuates the advancement of all citizens of the state and to designate Wednesday, April 2, 2014, as "SULC Day at the Capitol".

WHEREAS, plans for the law school at Southern University A&M College were approved by the State Board of Education at its meeting on January 10, 1947, and in June 1947 \$40,000 was appropriated for the operation of the school; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Law School was officially opened in September 1947 to provide legal education for African-American students; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-eight years of operation as a School of Law, the Southern University Board of Supervisors re-designated the Southern University School of Law as the Southern University Law Center (SULC), effective July 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the SULC is dedicated to offering students from diverse backgrounds a quality legal education in civil and common law that will prepare them to be highly effective, competent, and ethical professionals who possess a deep sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the law center is fully accredited by the American Bar Association, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; and

WHEREAS, the SULC is a full member of the American Association of Law Schools and additionally, is approved by the Veterans Administration for the training of eligible veterans; and

WHEREAS, the SULC celebrates its sixty-sixth year this 2013-2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 graduates who are practicing or retired among the bench and bar, locally, nationally, and internationally are counted as SULC graduates; and

WHEREAS, many have gathered at the state's capitol for SULC Day, including alumni who have played significant roles as Louisiana legislators, with four SULC graduates currently serving in the Louisiana Senate and seven in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Southern University Law Center (SULC) on its convening of alumni and friends for the SULC Day and as an organization that promotes and perpetuates the advancement of all citizens of the great state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wednesday, April 2, 2014, is hereby designated as "SULC Day at the Capitol".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Southern University Law Center.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE