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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 30, 2014, as the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Experience Day at the capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have provided high-quality academic and workforce training programs in fifty-five of Louisiana's sixty-four parishes since the creation of the system in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges offer certificates, technical diplomas, and degrees in more than one hundred fields including industry-based certifications and the Louisiana Transfer Degree to create workforce solutions for business and industry and provide opportunity and access to all citizens of Louisiana as a result of open admissions policies; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen colleges that make up the Louisiana Community and Technical College System enrolled tens of thousands of students in credit programs in 2013 as well as more than thirty-five thousand students in workforce contract training courses to meet immediate local workforce demands; and

WHEREAS, programs such as WorkReady U served more than thirty-two thousand Adult Basic Education students at over two hundred sites statewide and out-performed the national average by six percent; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges awarded twenty-five thousand certificates, technical diplomas, and degrees in 2013 as a result of a continuing mission to improve the lives of students and meet the workforce needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, four colleges in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System were named the fastest-growing community and technical colleges in the nation in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges are successfully enrolling and retaining more students than ever before as evidenced by the fact that in 2013, three of the colleges had their largest graduating classes to date; and

WHEREAS, the community and technical colleges have made it a priority to build mutually beneficial partnerships with industry, to make strategic investments, and to align programs and curricula to meet local and statewide industry needs; and

WHEREAS, the community and technical colleges have worked collaboratively with the state's four-year public universities to establish articulation agreements; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have worked diligently to ensure that students receive a world-class education at an affordable price in a nurturing and rigorous environment that will prepare them for a rewarding career; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, chancellors, and directors have dedicated their lives and put their professional reputations on the line for the advancement of the students and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is served by the good works of its community and technical colleges across the state, and citizens can be confident in looking to community and technical colleges as a solution to the state's educational and workforce development needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 30, 2014, as Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Experience Day at the capitol and does hereby commend the dedicated work and the contributions of the employees and students of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to the great state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors and System President Monty Sullivan.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE