

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, April 28, 2016, as the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Experience and Taste of Louisiana Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have provided high-quality academic and workforce training programs since the creation of the system in 1999, offer credentials such as certificates, technical diplomas, industry based certifications and associate degrees in high-demand, high-income industries, and provide workforce solutions for business and industry; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the thirteen colleges that make up the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) enrolled more than 150,000 students in credit, non-credit workforce training, and adult education programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Louisiana's community and technical colleges had the largest graduating class ever with 21,743 graduates with 70% graduating in high-demand high-income programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Louisiana's community and technical colleges had more than 12,000 students transfer to various four-year universities, and have worked collaboratively with the state's four-year public universities to establish 2 + 2 Programs, articulation agreements, and share best practices; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, WorkReady U, Louisiana's comprehensive adult education system, served tens of thousands of undereducated and underemployed Louisiana citizens, ranked 15th in the nation in basic skills attainment, and outpaced the national measurable skills gain average by 3% and the southern average by 6%; and

WHEREAS, six colleges in the community and technical college system were named the fastest growing community and technical colleges in the nation in 2015, and three colleges had their largest graduating classes ever; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's 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, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have worked diligently to ensure their students receive a world-class education, at affordable prices, in nurturing and rigorous environments that prepare them for rewarding careers; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff and leadership team 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 LCTCS across the state and her citizens can be confident in looking to LCTCS for solutions to all manner of challenges.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, April 28, 2016, as Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Experience and Taste of Louisiana Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the dedicated work and contributions of the employees and students of LCTCS to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and System President Monty Sullivan.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE