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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

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HIGHER EDUCATION: Requests that the Board of Regents support the establishment of the Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

| 2  | To urge and request the Board of Regents to support the establishment of the Honoré Center   |
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| 3  | for Undergraduate Student Achievement.   |
| 4  | WHEREAS, earning a college credential enhances an individual's opportunity for               |
| 5  | employment and advancement; and  |
| 6  | WHEREAS, college graduates have increased earning power and have been shown                  |
| 7  | to contribute greatly to the good of society; and  |
| 8  | WHEREAS, many students graduate from high school in the greater New Orleans                  |
| 9  | area but are unprepared for the rigors of college; and                                       |
| 10 | WHEREAS, more than sixty percent of the population of New Orleans is African                 |
| 11 | American, but only twelve percent of the city's African Americans between the ages of        |
| 12 | twenty-five through forty-four have a bachelor's degree; and                                 |
| 13 | WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) and Delgado Community                     |
| 14 | College are the primary post secondary education institutions attended by this traditionally |
| 15 | underserved population of the city and region; and   |
| 16 | WHEREAS, the Southern University System has proposed the establishment of the                |
| 17 | Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement (HCUSA) in conjunction with              |
| 18 | Delgado Community College; and   |
| 19 | WHEREAS, the HCUSA has been proposed as one way to improve the quality of                    |
| 20 | public postsecondary education in the New Orleans area; and                                  |

1 WHEREAS, many believe that a partnership between these two institutions could 2 significantly increase the number of African American degree holders in the city and region 3 by helping them to overcome barriers to baccalaureate success; and 4 WHEREAS, if established, the HCUSA would serve as a vital avenue toward 5 improving academic and operational efficiency among the public postsecondary institutions 6 of the New Orleans area; and 7 WHEREAS, the future of New Orleans depends on the success of its public 8 postsecondary education system, and the establishment of the Honoré Center for 9 Undergraduate Student Achievement is a critical component of the endeavor to strengthen 10 and improve this system. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 12 urge and request the Board of Regents to support the establishment of the Honoré Center for 13 Undergraduate Student Achievement. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 15 chairman of the Board of Regents.

## DIGEST

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Request that the Board of Regents support the establishment of the Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement.