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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, BAGLEY, COX, JEFFERSON, NORTON, BAGNERIS, BRASS, TERRY BROWN, CARPENTER, HORTON, JENKINS, LYONS, MOORE, AND PIERRE AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to study how the state can best meet the legal 3 education needs of students and the economic and workforce development needs of 4 the Shreveport-Bossier region, including but not limited to meeting these needs 5 through establishing a campus of the Southern University Law Center in Shreveport, 6 and to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House 7 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than 8 ninety days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature. 9 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides, 10 relative to public institutions of postsecondary education, that it is a power, duty, and 11 responsibility of the Board of Regents to approve a proposed degree program, department 12 of instruction, division, or similar subdivision; and 13 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(a) of the constitution further provides that 14 it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the board to study the need for and feasibility of 15 creating a new institution of postsecondary education, which includes establishing a branch 16 of such an institution; and 17 WHEREAS, there is great interest in establishing a campus of the Southern 18 University Law Center in Shreveport; and 19 WHEREAS, the provision of a juris doctor program in the Shreveport-Bossier area, 20 through a campus of the Southern University Law Center in downtown Shreveport, would provide access to law school opportunities in an area of the state which is currently 21 22 underserved; and

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WHEREAS, there is a need in the Shreveport area for law degree programs in order to meet not only the educational needs of students but also the economic and workforce development needs of the region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to study how the state can best meet the legal education needs of students and the economic and workforce development needs of the Shreveport-Bossier region, including but not limited to meeting these needs through establishing a campus of the Southern University Law Center in Shreveport, and to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than ninety days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the chairman of the Board of Regents and the commissioner of higher education.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE