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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana State University at Shreveport on its selection to the Gardner Foundation's inaugural cohort.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University at Shreveport is one of only eleven colleges and universities nationwide chosen to participate in an inaugural cohort of the Gardner Foundation's project to transform the early college experience; and

WHEREAS, the eleven participating institutions enroll nearly 115,000 undergraduates with 43% of those students receiving a Pell Grant and 41% of students identifying as African-American, Hispanic, Indigenous, or of two or more races; and

WHEREAS, transforming the foundational postsecondary experience is a new national initiative that aims to transform the critical first two years of the college experience, during which students create the foundation for ultimate success and degree completion; and

WHEREAS, led by the Gardner Institute, a leading national student success nonprofit organization, the effort will help institutions focus on performance gaps and take action to improve student learning and success; and

WHEREAS, LSU Shreveport will closely collaborate with cohort members over the five-year period to develop innovative strategies, enhance teaching and learning practices, and promote student retention and success; and

WHEREAS, the initiative's aim is to decrease the importance of demographics, ZIP codes, and other variables as the best predictors of success; and

WHEREAS, LSU Shreveport's five-year commitment to this project demonstrates the university's dedication to transforming the postsecondary experience for all students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana State University at Shreveport on its selection to the Gardner Foundation's inaugural cohort and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the university and its students continue their incredible work and prosper in all of their endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES