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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize that the power to establish and implement admissions criteria for students entering public postsecondary education institutions is reserved to the public postsecondary education management boards for the institutions under the supervision and management of each.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana states that the "goal of the public educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal, the state constitution creates and provides for the powers of the public postsecondary education management boards in supervising and managing the institutions under the control of each; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(E) of the constitution provides that the powers of management over public institutions of postsecondary education not specifically vested by the constitution in the Board of Regents are reserved to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; and

WHEREAS, such powers reserved to the management boards include the power to establish and implement admissions criteria for students entering the institutions under their respective control; and

WHEREAS, although Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions collectively provide a wide range of programs for students, each institution must identify the

needs of its students and the region and the institution's mission and must implement policies that best address those needs and support that mission; and

WHEREAS, regional institutions, as designated by the Board of Regents, offer a wide range of programs at the undergraduate level and selected graduate offerings and conduct research related to the respective institution's instructional mission; and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize the probability of student success at these institutions and all other public postsecondary education institutions, the management boards must continue to adopt and implement admissions criteria and policies that link the expectations of each institution to the needs, aspirations, and level of preparedness of its entering students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize that the power to establish and implement admissions criteria for students entering public postsecondary education institutions is reserved to the public postsecondary education management boards for the institutions under the supervision and management of each.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such admissions criteria must be consistent with the educational purposes of the institution and must address the needs of the students in order that every student may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential as is the goal of the public educational system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presidents of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the commissioner of higher education.

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