

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, April 22, 2015, as Southern University Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Southern University is celebrating its one hundred thirty-fifth year of excellence in higher education; and

WHEREAS, in 1880, the university began in New Orleans with twelve students, five faculty members, and a ten thousand dollar budget; in 1914, the university was relocated to Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University System has risen to include some of the country's premier historically black institutions, offering numerous degree programs ranging from certificates to doctorates; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University System has a statewide presence with campuses in Baton Rouge, consisting of the main campus, the Law Center, and the Agricultural Research and Extension Center; New Orleans; and Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University System holds the distinction of being the nation's only historically black 1890 land grant university system; and

WHEREAS, the system boasts more than one hundred thousand graduates, and Southern University's alumni have made significant contributions to their chosen professions throughout the state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, Southern University merits a special measure of recognition upon the celebration of its exemplary education tradition that now spans one hundred thirty-five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, April 22, 2015, as Southern University Day at the state capitol; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the pride

and honor that Southern University brings to the state of Louisiana; does hereby express sincere appreciation for its singular legacy of excellence; and does hereby extend to the entire Southern University family best wishes on this memorable day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Southern University System.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES