

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, through its eight institutions, Louisiana State University, or LSU, possesses the most comprehensive education system in the state, with a public mission focused on education, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, in a recent study, *Forbes* magazine ranked LSU among the top 20 universities in the nation for academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, LSU is the largest university in the state; it educates more than forty-eight thousand students and maintains the highest graduation rate among Louisiana's public universities; and

WHEREAS, LSU's educational mission encompasses an array of academic programs, from two-year programs through doctoral programs, including law and medicine, in addition to expanded offerings in online education; and

WHEREAS, the only schools in the state for dentistry and veterinary medicine are found within the LSU system; and

WHEREAS, fifty-one percent of the state's certified Centers of Excellence are within the LSU system; and

WHEREAS, LSU has more than one billion dollars in research funding, and researchers in the LSU system are working on a wide range of innovations to improve the quality of life for Louisianians and citizens nationwide by studying subjects such as disease management, advanced medical treatments, obesity, coastal protection, hurricane preparedness, energy, natural resource management, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, LSU employs an excellent faculty that includes world renowned scholar-teachers who are nationally competitive in research and creative activities, and who

collectively contribute to a knowledge base that is educationally, culturally, and economically beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the LSU faculty use their extensive talent and resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of the citizens of Louisiana and the nation have contributed to the economic well-being of LSU, and LSU has, in turn, provided quality education, basic and applied research, novel and state of the art discoveries in all fields, numerous hours of volunteer work, and valuable public service; and

WHEREAS, LSU is Louisiana's most important economic asset; it contributes more than \$5.1 billion to state sales and provides an estimated forty-one thousand jobs with more than \$1.9 billion in new statewide earnings, thus demonstrating that for every dollar given by the state to LSU, LSU gives back \$13.25; and

WHEREAS, LSU is consistently ranked as one of the country's top values by *Kiplinger*, *Forbes*, *Money*, *SmartAsset*, and *PayScale*; and

WHEREAS, LSU remains one of the greatest investments for the state of Louisiana and is one that improves the quality of life for all Louisianians.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol and does hereby acknowledge the university's valuable contributions to the residents of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the LSU president, F. King Alexander.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES