

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Martin Lemelle on his appointment as president of Grambling State University.

WHEREAS, Martin Lemelle graduated from Grambling State University in 2006; he is a third-generation graduate who grew up around Grambling icons such as legendary football Coach Eddie Robinson and baseball Coach Elbert Willis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemelle served as the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Grambling State University when Rick Gallot took over as president in 2016; during this time, he helped reverse the steep decline of Grambling's financial health, and the university's fiscal health score increased by 200%; the university also launched new programs in cybersecurity, cloud computing, and nursing while he served as second in command; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemelle most recently served as the executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Maryland Institute College of Art; he will now serve as the eleventh president of Grambling State University, securing a lifelong dream of serving the university at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Lemelle is most deserving of the highest recognition for his incredible dedication to Grambling State University and for his outstanding career in education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Martin Lemelle on his appointment as president of Grambling State University and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors as the head of one of the nation's signature historically black colleges and universities.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES